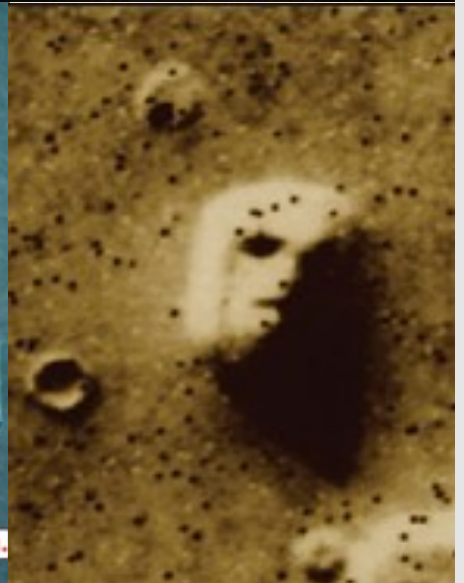


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Many Christians currently believe that we are living in the biblically-prophesied period of time called the "latter days." The founding of the Jewish state in Palestine in 1948 (fulfilling Zephaniah 2), and the advent of nuclear weapons making Matthew 24:22 possible) are two of the many signs that we are living in the latter days.

However, this booklet is not intended to examine all the various prophecies indicating the latter days have arrived. This booklet will examine a cryptic, and generally ignored prophecy of Jesus Christ concerning the latter days. The fulfillment of this prophecy will not only provide more conclusive evidence that we are living in the latter days, but also will demonstrate that our understanding of mankind's ancient history has been shockingly erroneous!

Many "ancient mysteries" which have long baffled mankind can be explained in the historical accounts of the Bible. As the reader will see, the Bible truly is the infallible word of the Creator God, containing vital historical information which can be taken literally. Since Bible prophecies have been unerringly fulfilled thousands of years after the prophecies were given, a similar credibility can be afforded the Bible's accounts regarding ancient history. However, you will not be asked to take the following information "on faith," since abundant evidence will be presented in support of this booklet's conclusions.

The prophecy of Jesus Christ to be examined is found in Matthew 24:37, and is part of Jesus' prophecy concerning the times which will indicate that his second coming is near. It states:

"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (KJV)

Others have focused on the aspect of this prophecy which predicts that even as pre-flood mankind gave little credence to Noah's warnings about the imminence of the Flood, latter day mankind will pay little heed to warnings that the return of Jesus Christ is imminent. While that message is certainly in this prophecy, is that all that Jesus Christ meant? Consider the first line of Jesus' prophecy in its RSV rendering: "**As were the days of Noah, so will be** the coming of the Son of man." (Emphasis added.)

While differing slightly, both versions convey Jesus' message that the characteristics of life on earth at the time he returns will mirror the characteristics of life on earth during the pre-flood days of Noah. Since these similarities are given as unique identifiers of the time of Jesus Christ's return, it is apparent that Jesus is telling us there will be unique parallels between Noah's pre-flood period and the latter days. In order to uniquely signify the latter days, these parallel characteristics can occur only once between the time of Jesus' prophecy (the first century A.D.) and the time of his second coming. Since the Bible directs us to parallels between the pre-flood period and the latter days, let us begin with some easy ones.

There are several biblical comments about pre-flood society. The most familiar is in Genesis 6:1-13, which states:

"...men began to multiply on the face of the earth...And God saw that the wickedness of man was great...that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually...But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord...and Noah walked with God. **The earth also was corrupt...and the earth was filled with violence.** And God looked upon the earth, and...it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." (Emphasis added.)

The record that "men began to multiply on the face of the earth" indicates Noah's generation was experiencing a global population explosion. This condition is present in our own generation, and scientific questions are being asked about the earth's capacity to support its population. Overpopulation is particularly acute in the impoverished "third world," and massive birth control programs have been implemented to slow the runaway growth rates in some nations. While this results in a moral debate concerning the means to limit population growth, there is no question that the rapid growth rate in mankind's population is a severe problem in many nations. **An explosive increase in the human population is the first factor which our generation has in common with Noah's pre-flood generation.**

Genesis also tells us that mankind had become "wicked," "violent," and (with the exception of Noah) "corrupt." While these characteristics of mankind were obvious from God's viewpoint, it is likely that mankind did not see itself as corrupt. Since human nature is a remarkable constant throughout all generations, Noah's generation likely thought they "weren't so bad," and felt they had a lot to boast about. We shall soon see that they did, indeed, have much to boast about. In fact, certain discoveries about the ancient world have shown their accomplishments were quite extraordinary! Blinded by its physical accomplishments, Noah's generation could not see its own spiritual wretchedness.

Like Noah's generation, our generation is plagued by violence, crime and wickedness. Grisly wars have been fought with advanced weapons that have greatly escalated the violence of warfare. Civilian society (particularly in urban areas) is becoming increasingly violent with murders, drug wars and senseless violence becoming commonplace. Locks and security systems abound as people try to protect themselves. Prisons are overcrowded. Some police forces are overwhelmed and outgunned by the criminals, and Americans increasingly arm themselves to have a measure of self-protection.

Millions perished in World War II via warfare, the holocaust of Hitler's death camps, Stalin's purges against his own people, etc. Millions perished in China during the war between Mao's Communists and Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists. No one knows how many millions of Chinese were killed by the Japanese during their cruel occupation of portions of China in World War II. Millions perished in another holocaust in Cambodia's "killing fields" after the United States withdrew from the Vietnam War. Millions more died in the Iran-Iraq War during the 1980's.

Even in peacetime our society is a violent one. In the United States alone, approximately as many people die violently each year in traffic accidents as there were battle deaths in nine years of the Vietnam War! Add to that total the number who die violently from homicides, drug-related "turf wars," suicides, etc., and it is likely that more Americans have died violently in peace time than during warfare! Also, television programs and movies graphically portray all manner of violent acts on a daily basis, programming all viewers of such material to accept violence as a normal part of modern society.

Technology has given the world's armed forces tremendously efficient killing machines. Indeed, whole industries exist to provide nations with large numbers of effective weapons of death. Without question, we live in a violent generation. Yet, like Noah's generation, our

modern societies feel that "we're not really all that bad." **The pervasiveness of violence in the world's societies is the second major similarity between our generation and Noah's generation.**

There is a third factor in the Genesis account which is easily overlooked. Genesis 6:11-12 states that the earth also was "corrupt." How is this possible? After all, the earth is an inanimate object without consciousness or volition. The earth can't "sin" as can humans. Yet after describing mankind's corruption, the Bible says "the earth also was corrupt."

The Hebrew word translated "corrupt" is "shachath," and it is the same word used to describe the corruption of mankind at that time¹. What could the earth have in common with corrupted sinners? The answer has a direct parallel in our society. The earth becomes "corrupted" (marred, spoiled) as a result of man's actions upon it! The results of man's short-sighted actions upon the earth are called "environmental pollution," the despoiling and corruption of the earth's atmosphere, water, soil, etc. The earth is polluted as mankind thoughtlessly dumps the wastes of industrial and chemical processes into the environment. Pollution has "corrupted" our earth today, could the same thing have happened in Noah's generation?

Our generation is indoctrinated by evolutionary myths (taught as facts) which assume that ancient man had a steady, gradual ascent from an unknown primordial slime to the "high-tech" society of today, and that all this "just happened" via some unbelievably serendipitous (and statistically impossible) set of random occurrences. The concept of an ancient society with sufficient technology to pollute the earth will sound incredible to those whose minds have been programmed with evolutionary concepts.

Yet there is considerable evidence that there was, indeed; a "high-tech" society in earth's distant past. This evidence has baffled mankind for some time. However, because an open comparison of this ancient evidence could: (A) convey great credibility on the Bible and its account of creation, and (B) debunk evolution, these facts are censored from "official" texts. Since evolutionary theories cannot allow for a "high-tech" society on earth in ancient times, the evidence of such an occurrence is scorned and suppressed. Because evolutionists have no scientific basis to refute these ancient facts, scorn and suppression are their only tools as they try to keep the uncomfortable truth from public awareness.

We will now examine some biblical evidence that an ancient "high-tech" society existed on our planet.

Genesis 4:16-24 provides us with a genealogical history of a few of Adam's descendants through Cain. Verses 19-22 makes some important statements regarding three sons of a man named Lamech. These three sons were named Jabal, Jubal, and Tubalcain. This text provides the following information about them:

"Jabal... was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle...Jubal...was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. And...Tubalcain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron..." (KJV with marginal references)

The above descriptions, however brief, reveal much about pre-flood society. We are told that Jabal developed the art of animal domestication. This implies that he was a cattle-breeder, with at least some understanding of genetics to breed livestock for commercial purposes. That Jabal is called the "father" of those who breed cattle indicates that he was the first of many cattle breeders. The existence of cattle-breeding skills does not prove a "high-tech" society then existed as Jacob also developed this skill long after the Flood ended (Genesis

30) in a pastoral society.

Such a skill can be developed by observation of breeding results alone. However, it does directly contradict the evolutionary theory that it took millennia for mankind to develop social and scientific skills. The typical evolutionary concept of ancient times is that of dumb cavemen groping to invent a wheel or struggling to use domestic fire.

We are then told that Jubal was the "father" of those who used musical instruments. The fact that some men had the time to devote their energies to the development and use of musical instruments shows that there was sufficient "division of labor" in society so that it was not necessary for everyone to devote himself to survival activities. This indicates that society was sufficiently advanced to not only provide leisure time for its members, but also that pre-flood society had a leisure-time (entertainment) industry. The wording that Jubal was "the father" of those working with musical instruments shows that he was but the first of many professional musicians. That pre-flood mankind had well-developed music appreciation values does not fit with evolutionary depictions of ancient mankind as grunting cavemen.

Tubalcain is mentioned as the "father" of craftsmen in bronze and iron. The Hebrew word translated "iron" is "barrel," the same word translated as "iron" in many Old Testament books describing more recent time periods². The Bible clearly states that mankind had metallurgical skills long before the Flood. It also indicates that there was no separate pre-flood "bronze age" or "iron age," but that craftsmanship in copper and iron ores occurred simultaneously! Tubalcain was not the only person skilled in metalworking, but was "an instructor" of other craftsmen. In modern terms, he operated a metallurgical "tech-school."

With mankind possessing skills in animal science and metallurgy, and possessing sufficient division-of-labor in society to allow the existence of a musical instrument (entertainment) industry, it can be seen that pre-flood society allowed individuals within that society to pursue specialised areas of interest and skill. This is a far cry from the "hunter-gatherer" society which evolution postulates as a standard characteristic of ancient man.

The Bible also tells us that Jabal, Jubal and Tubalcain were remembered as the first teachers in the fields of animal husbandry, musical instrumentation, and metallurgy. Obviously, successive generations and practitioners would advance these skills to increased levels of sophistication, just as mankind's generations do today in all fields of scientific development.

How sophisticated and advanced did these skills become prior to the Flood? If enough time existed, how long would it take for mankind to advance from animal cross-breeding to an understanding of Mendelian genetics? How long did it take for the musicians to assemble symphony orchestras? How long did it take for the metallurgists to develop alloys for specialised purposes, and build machines for man's convenience and scientific exploration? Since modern mankind has an insatiable appetite to learn more about the earth and universe, why do we assume that they, our ancestors, lacked the same curiosity?

The fact that mankind had sufficient time for an entertainment industry (music) implies the existence of labor-saving devices (the natural result of a metallurgical industry)! We will examine how far ancient mankind developed these skills by examining some lesser-known artifacts from ancient societies, but first let us consider several factors which permitted pre-flood mankind to develop at a far more rapid pace than post-flood mankind.

The first factor is the existence of a common language. The Bible gives no indication of any language barriers on earth until God created them several generations after the Flood (for purposes to be examined later). With Adam and Eve having the same God-given language, there was only one language which mankind could pass on to successive generations.

With no language barriers, all mankind could have pooled its knowledge with ease! In the modern industrial revolution, the existence of many different languages posed significant barriers to the sharing of new scientific knowledge. Also, the existence of a common language would have caused mankind to have a much higher willingness to share its knowledge since there would be none of the distrust which develops from the "we-they" consciousness which exists when people are divided by language.

With no language barriers in pre-flood society, mankind likely developed a very homogeneous society. This implies that something akin to a "one world" society existed in the pre-flood world. It is easy to be politically "one" when all are linguistically "one."

In today's society, there has been a steady progression toward the weakening of national identities and sovereignties in favor of supranational groupings. The League of Nations was an abortive attempt in this direction after World War 1. The United Nations (with its multinational affiliated groups such as the World Health Organization, UNESCO, the World Court, etc.) is a far more sophisticated effort at supranational government. Major political and economic alliances such as NATO, the E.E.C. and others have tended to weaken further national identifications as multinational governing bodies came into existence.

Europe has created a European Parliament and is planning a major political, economic and social integration in 1992 with such measures as a common currency, common passport and common trading and banking regulations. The World Bank and International Monetary Fund have become supranational economic authorities able to compel painful internal changes in various nations who need their loans. Even private industry is following this trend as major corporations have developed multinational structures and global perspectives which replace national loyalties.

The Bible prophesies that a unified world society and government would develop on earth just prior to the second coming of Jesus Christ (Revelation 13:1-8). The fact that the mechanisms for such a world government are now developing indicates that we are in the end-time prophesied by the Bible. Also, since a common, global society likely existed in pre-flood society, **the growing trend toward a global society and government in our time is another factor linking our modern society with the pre-flood society of Noah.**

A global government is, of itself, neither good nor bad. It has many obvious structural advantages. When Jesus Christ sets up his kingdom on the earth, his will be a "one world government." However, in the hands of fallible men who are prone to vanity, greed, etc., a global government could become a terribly oppressive force. The famous adage, "absolute power corrupts absolutely," would have its ultimate application.

Another factor causing an accelerated accumulation of knowledge in pre-flood society was the unusually long lifespans extant at the time. When people could live for almost a millennium in one life span, it was possible to pool knowledge with dozens of overlapping generations. In our modern society where an average person lives approximately 75 years (life expectancy was lower during much of the industrial revolution), one can productively pool knowledge with only a few generations.

Visualize what technological achievements could now be on the earth if Galileo, Da Vinci, Copernicus, Newton, Edison, Einstein, Van Braun, and others could have worked together for centuries! If they had pre-flood lifespans, they would have been able to pool their knowledge and develop joint inventions over centuries! If, in addition to shared longevity, these scientists, scholars and thinkers had a common language as well, the growth in knowledge and scientific applications would develop at a logarithmic pace!

Indeed, under such conditions, a "high-tech" society could be developed which would dwarf the technology of our current world. When evaluating pre-flood society, it must be realized that the twin advantages of extended longevity and a common language actually did exist and gave pre-flood mankind opportunities for development that modern man has never had.

At this point, two potential objections to biblical accounts about the earth's ancient history need to be addressed: the validity of long pre-flood lifespans, and the reliability of radiocarbon dating to determine the age of ancient artifacts. At stake is the respective credibilities of the evolutionary and biblical viewpoints of ancient history. This evolution versus creation controversy will be addressed at some length before returning to the subject of Jesus Christ's prophecy involving the pre-flood and latter-day eras. When we return to this subject, it will be with a greatly enhanced credibility for biblical accounts about ancient history.

The concept of individuals living many hundreds of years in pre-flood society seems unbelievable to many. Yet the Bible indicates a major factor was present in the pre-flood world which would have significantly slowed the aging process. The Bible states that God created a very large body of water in the earth's upper atmosphere in addition to dividing the waters that were already on the earth's surface in such a way that dry land could appear. This massive, insulating layer no longer exists, but its creation is described in Genesis 1:6-8:

"And God said, Let there be a firmament [the expanse of the sky] in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters [below] from the waters [above]. And God made the firmament [the expanse] and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse." (The Amplified Bible)

This confirms that God originally created a layer of water **above** the sky in addition to the oceans and waters which were **under** the sky. The word "firmament" simply means "expanse,"³ and this passage shows there was a layer of water both above and below the expanse of the sky. The upper layer of water (apparently in the form of dense water vapor) would have insulated the earth from the sun's radiation to a far greater extent than currently exists

Science has determined that there is a relationship between the aging process and exposure to the sun's ultraviolet radiation. While this relationship has not yet been quantified, the aging effects of the sun's radiation would have had much less effect on pre-flood mankind because they were shielded by this upper atmosphere layer of water. This upper-atmosphere layer of water contained so much water that it took "40 days and 40 nights" for it to fall to the earth in the form of torrential rain as "the windows of heaven were opened" during the Flood (Genesis 7:11-12). With the upper-atmosphere water layer absent in the post-flood world, mankind was exposed to far more of the sun's radiation, and human lifespans were quickly reduced.

The pre-flood world was very different than the post-flood world. Not only did the upper atmosphere water layer greatly reduce the amount of solar radiation entering the earth's atmosphere, it would also have distributed heat more evenly on the earth, keeping temperatures on the earth's surface more uniform in both hemispheres. A warm, moist atmosphere would obviously cause a rapid rusting of metallic objects while stone objects would not be greatly affected. The earth's topography and polar axis could also have been different in the pre-flood world.

During creation week God created perfect conditions on earth for mankind. Also, God had created Adam and Eve with **perfect health and perfect heredity** to convey to their offspring. All these factors would tend to increase lifespans as well. However, the greatest factor in creating such longevity in pre-flood society was apparently the insulating "cocoon" of

water vapor which then surrounded the earth. As soon as this insulating layer was taken away, mankind's longevity quickly plummeted!

While Genesis 5 shows pre-flood generations regularly lived 900 years, Genesis 11 shows the lifespans of post-flood generations quickly declined. Noah lived to age 950 (Genesis 9:29), but succeeding generations declined steadily to the point that the seventh and ninth generations of post-flood mankind (Nahor and Abraham) had lifespans of 148 and 175 years, respectively (Genesis 11:24-25, Genesis 25:7). Mankind's lifespan continued to decrease until by David's time, an average lifespan was a mere 70 years (Psalm 90:10). After dipping even further between David's time and the Industrial Revolution, hygiene and medical advances have now increased modern lifespans to approximate those of David's time.

Also, mankind's fertility was greatly lessened after the Flood (long delaying the onset of another population explosion).

Before the Flood, Genesis 5 shows each generation went on conceiving untold numbers of children for centuries after the birth of their first child. No wonder they had a population explosion! Even Noah, in the pre-flood period, fathered triplets at age 500 (Genesis 5:32). However, in post-flood society, human fertility was so reduced that Abraham and Sarah laughed at the thought that they could conceive a child when they had reached the ages of 100 and 90 (Genesis 17:17, 18:9-14).

Concerning radiocarbon dating, that technique is based on two assumptions: that the rate of decay of Carbon-14 has remained a constant for all time, and that nothing has ever happened to increase or decrease the amount of Carbon-14 in the earth's objects. If the rate of Carbon-14 decay has ever varied during the earth's history, or if disasters have ever occurred which affected the radiocarbon content of objects, carbon dating would be reliable only in strata which postdated both of the above events.

The presence of global catastrophes in the earth's past could have altered the amount of Carbon-14 on earth. Also, since post-flood mankind (with bodies made of matter) aged at a radically different rate than prior to the Flood, it is likely that all matter (organic and inorganic) "aged" at different rates in the pre- and post-flood periods, skewing radiocarbon dates in all pre-flood periods. Since the Bible indicates that matter has not aged at a uniform rate in ancient times, radiocarbon dating will be a useful dating tool only in the post-flood period.

There is growing scientific evidence that a global catastrophe (such as a collision between the earth and a comet or meteor) caused the extinction of the dinosaurs. Such a proposal is compatible with the Bible which indicates that a global catastrophe occurred long prior to Noah's Flood. To examine the biblical account, let us begin in Genesis 1:1-2, which states:

"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

More information about this initial creation of the earth is found in Isaiah 45:12 and 18, which state:

"I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I...have stretched out the heavens...For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; **God himself that formed the earth and made it...he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited...**" (Emphasis added.)

The "creation week" account of Genesis 1:3-31 does not describe the initial creation of the earth, since Genesis 1:2 shows that the earth was already there--covered with a deep flood

and darkness prior to creation week! Therefore, the Bible tells us that the creation of the earth happened at an indefinite point (perhaps millions of years?) prior to creation week and mankind's creation. While the earth just prior to creation week is a flooded, lifeless mess, Isaiah 45:18 records that when God originally created the earth (the event recorded in Genesis 1:1), it was formed "to be inhabited" and not "in vain."

The Hebrew word translated "in vain" in Isaiah 45:18 is "tohu," which can also mean "wilderness," "empty place," or "thing of nought."⁴ In Genesis 1:2, the same Hebrew word (tohu) is translated "without form."⁵ So, Isaiah 45:18 tells us that when God originally created the earth (in Genesis 1:1) it was made to be inhabited and that God did not create it as an empty wilderness ("tohu"). Yet Genesis 1:2 tells us that the earth (at an unspecified time and from an unspecified cause) had become "tohu" at a time after its creation but before creation week and the advent of mankind on earth. Something had happened to make the earth an uninhabitable and ruined "wilderness" prior to creation week.

After the earth had become a ruined wilderness, God returned to it, and reshaped its topography, restored its ecosystem and **recreated life on it during "creation week"** (Genesis 1:3-31)! While the Bible does assert that all forms of life currently on the earth's surface began during creation week approximately 6000 years ago, **it does not assert that "the earth is 6000 years old," nor does it assert that no life existed on earth prior to creation week!** Scientific assertions that the earth may be millions of years old, and that species of flora and fauna existed on the earth for epochs prior to man's appearance on the earth do not conflict with the Bible!

The Bible asserts that when God originally made the earth, it was suitable for habitation and that it was not an "empty place," (but there is no mention of mankind existing at that time). After a global catastrophe left the earth a flooded, uninhabitable ruin, God recreated life on earth during creation week; choosing to create flora and fauna that would be compatible with mankind, the pinnacle creation of the creation week account. The King James Version of the Bible records that God told Adam and Eve to "**replenish the earth**" (Genesis 1:28), indicating that God was re-establishing life on the earth during creation week. It also records God addressing the same phrase to Noah's family after the Deluge. Genesis 9:1 states:

"And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and **replenish the earth.** "

God gave the same instructions to Adam and Eve after a global flood that he later gave to Noah's family after a global flood. Does God's use of the same phrase to Adam and Eve indicate that life existed on the earth prior to the pre-Adamic flood as well? The King James Version of the Bible implies this by its use of the word "replenish," however, other versions of the Bible simply translate God's instructions to Adam and Eve (and Noah's family) as "fill the earth." There is no question that Noah, his family and the animals on the ark "replenished" the earth with new life after the Flood of their time. Isaiah 42:18's statement that God did not originally create the earth as an uninhabited wilderness indicates that Adam and Eve (and the animals that God created during creation week) were also being created to "replenish" the earth after the pre-Adamic flood.

Archaeology has long established the fact that a previous world, largely alien to man, existed on prehistoric earth. This world contained dinosaurs and many other forms of life which are now extinct. However, we have their fossilised remains, and vast coal and oil deposits indicate the volume of flora and fauna was immense. Speculation has also existed regarding what form of global catastrophe exterminated the world of the dinosaurs. (Current thinking seems to favor a collision between the earth and one or more meteors.)

The lead article in the June, 1989 issue of National Geographic, entitled "The March Toward Extinction," summarised the latest scientific views on the demise of the dinosaurs and the reality of ancient, global catastrophes. This article is useful for two reasons: it is readily available to readers in libraries and it represents both the "best" and "worst" of modern science's efforts to understand the ancient world, as we shall see.

This article states that many in the scientific community now believe in the reality of ancient, global catastrophes due to a layer of iridium which can be found in widely scattered parts of the earth. It states:

"This iridium-rich clay lay right at the boundary between the Cretaceous period, when there were dinosaurs, and the Tertiary, when there were none. Because iridium is rare on earth but common in meteorites...[three Berkeley scientists] proposed that earth had been hit by an asteroid ten kilometers (six miles) across...the proposal has since been backed up by abundant and convincing evidence from around the globe. Most scientists now concur that at least one great extraterrestrial object struck the planet around the time the dinosaurs died out."⁶

It is significant that the iridium layer is found within a layer of clay. Since clay is typically deposited on sea-bottoms⁷, a layer of clay indicates that an ancient worldwide flood occurred as a result of a meteoric collision. Since this iridium layer marks the end of the dinosaur age and many other forms of prehistoric life, it seems evident that meteoric collisions precipitated a series of catastrophic events which led to the earth becoming (in the Bible's words) "tohu - without form and void."

The fact that this layer of destruction is followed by a world of mammals indicates there was a "clean break" in the types of life on earth. The alien world of dinosaurs was eliminated, and was followed by a world of mammals which were far more compatible with mankind. This is consistent with the Bible's account that the prehistoric earth experienced a global catastrophe which was followed by a new creation featuring mammal species.

The National Geographic article also catalogues evidence that more than one mass extinction has occurred in the earth's history. It states:

"...scientists know that the story of life on earth has been punctuated by mass extinctions...no matter what causes them, mass extinctions do occur. They force a new perspective on the history of life."⁸

This scientific view states that one ancient catastrophe:

"...was abrupt, worldwide, and occurred during the midst of a long warm spell. 'At most we are dealing with 20,000 years--and maybe just one stormy night,' says Willi Ziegler, director of the Senckenberg Museum in Frankfurt."⁹

For thousands of years, the Bible has been telling man that at least two ancient global catastrophes occurred: the Flood of Noah's time, and the destruction of an inhabited earth prior to Adam's creation. Interestingly, in recent years man's ability to analyse objectively the earth's past has finally advanced to the point that it can now confirm what the Bible has said all along!

Scientific investigations confirming the existence of ancient, global catastrophes are a result of an objective application of scientific analysis to the earth's strata, and represent "science" at its host. It is important to note that objective applications of the scientific method are consistent with biblical accounts of ancient history! Contrary to the assumptions of many

scientists (and Christians), the Bible does not teach that the earth is 6000 years old. In fact, the Bible's assertion that the earth existed prior to "creation week" allows for an earth of great antiquity.

Unfortunately, the National Geographic article also shows modern "science" at its worst when objective scientific analysis is ignored in a specious effort to uphold the dogma of evolution. This article includes sweeping statements referring to evolution as if it were an established fact instead of the unproven theory that it is. Some of the language used to describe the unscientific "faith" in evolution would sound more appropriate in fairy tales. Some examples include:

"A little Tyrannosaurus-rex lives on in the anatomy of modern birds, which evolved from dinosaurs some 150 million years ago...In the ensuing Triassic period evolution soon produced not only large new mammal-like reptiles but also waves of new experiments. Marine monsters called ichthyosaurs began to prowl the seas, crocodiles the swamps. Flying pterosaurs took off. The first dinosaurs also appeared."¹⁰

What fairy tale language! Whereas the effort to determine the existence and nature of global catastrophes is documented with hard evidence from ancient strata, no factual evidence is offered to support these wild and sweeping assumptions. The reason that no factual evidence is cited to support these sweeping statements that complex species appeared out of nowhere is that no factual evidence exists! The very idea that the flying little songbirds of today are descended from huge, ponderous, flightless dinosaurs is absurd! Yet evolutionists blithely assert that songbirds are distant descendants of tyrannosaurs, and that such "leaps" occur "over millions of years."

The hard facts are that such "leaps" are impossible under the scientific laws of the universe. Genetic law requires the DNA coding of parents to be transferred to offspring to ensure that all future generations are like the species that conceived them! Genetic law is a profound affirmation of the biblical statement in Genesis 1 that God created all species to produce offspring "after their own kind." Evolutionists ignore the fact that genetic law firmly supports creationism and refutes evolutionary theory.

The concept of gradual genetic changes over millions of years is absurd for another reason. While each species has limited abilities to adapt to environmental changes (such as habitat changes, availability of water, etc.), such adaptations are not new "changes" in the species but are aspects of an already-existing capacity of the species. As long as environmental challenges presented to a species are within its ability to adapt, a species can survive. As soon as environmental challenges occur which are beyond the survival parameters of a species, the species dies!

No species has ever had "millions of years" to evolve a response to an environmental change which will kill it within one generation! Unless a species can "evolve" itself into a wholly new species within the space of one generation, "evolution" cannot occur!

For example, many texts state that creatures "gradually" crawled out of the sea and "developed" lungs, becoming terrestrial species as fins "evolved" into limbs. However, no gill-equipped fish has ever had "millions of years" to "evolve" a set of lungs. Either it "evolves" them quickly or it dies! Also, take an aquatic mammal, such as a dolphin. Even though it has lungs, it would die out of the water because its sensitive skin equips the dolphin only for life in the sea (not in the parching sunlight). Also, fins do not "evolve" into limbs within minutes or hours to permit a stranded aquatic species to walk back to the sea so it can "gradually" get used to life on land.

Any reader can scientifically test the theory of evolution. Take a living fish and drop it on the land about twenty feet from the seashore. Watch to see whether (A) it "evolves" legs and lungs enabling it to live on land and walk back to the sea, or (B) it dies. If "B" happens, you have evidence against the theory of evolution, since every gill and fin-equipped fish in the history of the planet that found itself "out of water" never had more than mere seconds or minutes to "evolve" a means of getting back to the water or surviving on land.

The most hilarious example of evolutionary "fairy tale" language in the above article is the following:

"At one time earth's oceans and atmosphere were virtually oxygen free, or anaerobic. Carbon dioxide dominated the planet. Then, about three billion years ago, **certain bacterial members of the primordial slime invented** the kind of photosynthesis that releases oxygen as a waste product."¹¹

This asserts that precocious members of the "primordial slime" living "about three billion years ago" (give or take a few epochs, perhaps?) "invented" photosynthesis and the release of oxygen. How did this happen? In reality, evolutionists have no evidence that such a thing happened, but it "sounds nice" in an evolutionary sort of way, so this raw fiction is presented as if it were a verified fact! How did these bacteria "invent" a new form of photosynthesis? Did the more intelligent ones call a committee meeting, and allocate resources to this effort? Since oxygen synthesis had never existed, how did the precocious members of the primordial slime know how to "invent" it? Nevertheless, these precocious members of the "primordial slime" doggedly set forth to "invent" (a word which presupposes intelligence) a new kind of photosynthesis...so some "scientists" would have us believe.

The Bible states that an almighty Creator God painstakingly designed all species on earth, equipping them with specialised tissues, instincts and abilities to survive in particular habitats, and making them male and female so each species could be propagated. The earth's strata and artifacts support the Bible's records of global catastrophes and floods. "Science" tells us that life (as we know it) began when precocious bacteria living in the "primordial slime" decided to "invent" oxygen-based photosynthesis, and that later lifeforms "evolved" as a result of millions of statistically (and logically) impossible events. Which sounds more believable to you? Psalm 14:1 observes: "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (RSV)

The permeation of evolutionary teaching in modern society has resulted in a world where there are millions of "educated fools." Evolutionists need to consider that the Bible's harmony with ancient archaeology and the scientific laws of genetics argue that creationism is the only "scientifically" possible explanation for life on earth. **Fairy tale language trying to "explain" the theory of evolution needs to be seen as the hoax that it is.**

The more one examines the factual realities of what had to happen for evolution to occur, the more foolish, asinine and ridiculous the whole theory looks. **The central fact is that, in order for any organism to live at all, it needs to come into existence with all of its interdependent systems in working order at the same time!**

Evolution's assertion that all the complex, interrelated functions within an organism's body could develop randomly over "millions of years" is sheer lunacy. Every organism that has ever lived has had to come into existence fully equipped for life...or it never lived at all!

The physical laws of the universe also declare there is no evolutionary process at work in our universe which changes organisms from simpler to more sophisticated forms. The opposite

is true. An untended garden reverts to weeds. An abandoned house decays into a ruin, and eventually into dust. Radioactive elements decay into simpler elements. People age and lose some of their abilities over time. When organisms die, they decay into the less sophisticated elements that composed them.

The forces acting on matter (living or inanimate) change matter into less sophisticated subparts of the original object. To demonstrate any credibility for the theory of evolution, its backers would need to demonstrate that matter, if left to itself, will automatically regroup itself into more sophisticated, orderly and complex forms. However, as the above examples demonstrate, the opposite is true.

The contention that "anything is possible over time" is an intellectually dishonest effort to escape the factual evidence disproving evolution. Consider the following "real-world" illustration. If an architect asserted to you that skyscrapers "evolved" from tiny portable toilets and small frame houses, would you believe it? If he told you the Empire State Building was a "distant relative" of a "primitive" peach crate, would you believe it? If he added "well, over millions of years, anything is possible," would you believe it? If you wouldn't believe it could happen to non-living things, why would you believe it could happen in the infinitely more complex world of living things? Yet, that very argument ("anything is possible over millions of years") is really all that modern "science" offers as "proof" of evolution.

The theory of evolution is like the "emperor's new clothes" in the famous anecdote. Even as the "emperor's new clothes" were a fiction that everyone pretended was real, evolution is a modern fiction which modern "science" pretends is real. Just as the "emperor's new clothes" were exposed as a hoax when confronted with a child's objective appraisal, evolution is revealed as a hoax whenever it is subjected to objective analysis.

Now let's review the earth's prehistory from a biblical viewpoint. As shown earlier, the Bible asserts that God originally created the earth ("to be inhabited") at an unknown date far in the ancient past. At that time, the earth was populated by radically different flora and fauna than today: it included the "the age of dinosaurs." At some point, there was a global catastrophe (perhaps caused by a meteor's collision with earth) which resulted in the extinction of "the age of dinosaurs," and a flooded earth (indicated by the iridium/clay layer around the earth). This post-catastrophe time is the subject of Genesis 1:2. God then recreated life on the earth, but with new flora and fauna which were more compatible with mankind, who was "made in the image of God," albeit in a physical body (Genesis 1:26). Mankind and the species on the earth's surface have resulted from this creation about 6000 years ago.

Since God is sovereign, he could recreate certain species of flora and fauna from the previous, destroyed world which would still be compatible in "the age of mankind" on the earth. It may even be possible that some aquatic species could have survived the global Flood which ended "the age of dinosaurs." The discovery in recent times that a prehistoric, deep-dwelling fish (the coelocanth) has survived to modern times indicates as much. The discovery of the coelocanth was actually a "coffin nail" for the theory of evolution, but "scientists" tried to put a different "spin" on this event.

In 1987 a newspaper reported the underwater filming of coelocanths, a species dubbed a "living fossils" because it is not only alive today, but is recognisable in fossil remains from prehistoric times.¹² **The most obvious fact about this discovery is that it empirically demonstrates that the coelocanth has experienced absolutely no "evolutionary forces" over its millions of years of existence.**

They have continued to obey the Genesis decree that all species must produce offspring "after their own kind." Although the discovery of an unchanged coelocanth argues against

evolution, the article cited "scientists" as saying that the underwater study of coelocanth "may shed light on the aquatic ancestry of all land vertebrates." Oh really? How can they learn about the "aquatic ancestry of all land vertebrates" by studying a fish whose unchanged aquatic existence is evidence against such a conclusion?

Eric Hoffer's book, *The True Believer*, could have been written about "scientists" who go on "believing" in evolution even when faced with facts denying the theory of evolution. Even as noteworthy a publication as *U.S. News and World Report* covered the coelocanth story with a comment that the fin movements witnessed [by the divers] may be a half-way evolutionary stage between swimming and walking¹³. It is a wonder that such a silly statement can be either made or read with a straight face!

Does anyone really believe that wagging a fin through the water will "presto-chango" turn a fish's fin into a leg so it can climb out on the land? Even if one wishes to believe such a preposterous assertion, changing a fin into a limb is not enough of a leap to do any good; the gills of the fish would need to simultaneously transform themselves into mammalian lungs to allow such a fish to live at all when it washed up on shore. Even though it vexes evolutionists to deal with the facts, it should also be noted that any "evolving" fish would also need an instantaneous and simultaneous change of its scales to skin to survive even a tiny amount of time out of the water!

It is a marvel that "scientists" making such ridiculous claims are able to pass off such nonsense in a serious publication. How can they be taken seriously when they propose to learn how "fin movements" can turn fins into limbs which can "walk" by watching a species whose millions of years of fin movements have never altered any of its fins into limbs! Evolutionary fantasies will eventually be recognised as academic foolishness as soon as scientists are willing to apply "the scientific method" (or even simple logic) to the theory of evolution!

After the creation of Adam and Eve, mankind unfortunately so corrupted both itself and the earth that God destroyed everything in another flood, except for Noah, his family and whatever he brought on the Ark. After this deluge, God made a covenant with mankind that he would never again destroy the earth with a flood of water (Genesis 9:1-16). A rainbow was given as a perpetual token of this covenant, which speaks volumes. If mankind had ever before seen rainbows, a rainbow would be "no big deal," and could hardly serve as a unique token of a new covenant between God and man.

Rainbows are created by the refraction of direct sunlight passing through water vapor. The fact that a rainbow was a brand-new phenomenon in the post-flood world indicates that sunlight was not able sufficiently to reach the earth's atmosphere ever to cause rainbows in the pre-flood world (confirmation that the layer of water above the atmosphere referred to in Genesis 1 reflected much of the sun's radiation and sunlight back into space). That God promised never again to destroy the earth with a flood implies that God had used this method of destruction more than once. The presence of two global floods in Genesis 1:2 and 7:1-9:17 supports that view.

The pre-Adamic flood was of unknown duration, but it may have lasted for epochs (to allow enough time for the conversion of biomass into fossil fuels which God was "propositioning" for mankind's eventual use). However, the Deluge of Noah's time lasted barely a year (Genesis 7:11, 8:13-14).

For insights into the nature of pre-flood society, we will first examine the immediate post-flood efforts of Noah's immediate post-flood descendants. In doing so, we will be able to learn something about the pre-flood society which was still vividly in the minds of the patriarchs

(Noah and his family) of the post-flood society. Since post-flood man had to "start from scratch" in rebuilding civilisation, what he tried to accomplish will tell us much about the pre-flood generations who were his immediate predecessors. As the reader will see, ancient mankind was considerably more advanced than most have realised.

Modern man tends to think of ancient mankind passing along an evolutionary progression from cavemen (themselves the products of the "primordial slime") to the advanced societies of today. Consequently, modern man discounts the possibility that ancient mankind could have developed significant technological achievements. When evidence of ancient "high-tech" skills surfaces, modern man shrugs them off as "ancient mysteries." Because the evolutionary model is profoundly erroneous, it can offer no explanations for such ancient facts. However, the Bible explains the existence of "ancient mysteries," as we shall see.

A trilogy of books by Dr. Barry Fell (Bronze Age America, America B C. and Saga America) have shown that ancient mankind had a well developed system of international commerce, utilising ocean-going ships to transport both people and products to other continents. They demonstrate that the Phoenician/Hebrews, Carthaginians and others had extensive knowledge of the New World, leaving their inscriptions, temples, coins, and artifacts all over North America. It is apparent that trans-oceanic commerce was fairly common from at least 1700 BC¹⁴ until the much more recent "Dark Ages," with North Africans, Romans, Jews, Norsemen, Arabs, Chinese and others also being present in North America.¹⁵

Indeed, it can be seen that the period of ignorance about the New World which occurred during the Dark Ages was the exception in world history, not the rule! So much knowledge known to the ancients was lost in the Dark Ages that it created the illusion that mankind was discovering new knowledge when it emerged from the Dark Ages. We will document this point before examining what Noshes very ancient society accomplished. Let us begin with some comparisons between ancient civilisations and more recent medieval civilisations.

Beginning with maritime knowledge, Dr. Barry Fell observes that "in the sixth century B.C., shipping was much more highly organised than we have hitherto believed."¹⁶ Examining specifics, he adds:

"As to the relative sizes and strengths of ancient ships in comparison with those used by Columbus, medieval Europe of 1492 was in a state of nautical skill that the ancients would have regarded as benighted. Columbus' whole expedition could mount only 88 men, carried on three vessels of which two were only 50 feet in length, about the size of a small Boston fishing boat. Contrast that with the Pharaohs of the Ramesside Dynasty, 1200 B.C., who could mount expeditions of 10,000 miners across the Indian Ocean to the gold-bearing lands of South Africa and Sumatra. Julius Caesar's triremes carried 200 men, yet he found his ships outmatched in size, height, and seaworthiness by those of the maritime Celts."¹⁷

The Greeks record a Carthaginian fleet heading westward into the Atlantic from Africa which transported 30,000 men and women on a fleet of 60 ships (an average of 500 persons per ship)!

There is a record of Egyptian ships in the third millennium B.C. reaching 180 feet in length and 60 feet in beam.¹⁸ The grain fleet of the Roman Empire had merchantmen which were 180 feet in length and could hold 1200 tons of cargo.¹⁹ As Lionel Casson notes in *The Ancient Mariners*:

"seventeen centuries were to pass before merchant fleets of such tonnage again sailed the seas...[and that these Roman merchant ships] held three times as much cargo as any merchantman that plied between Europe and America before 1820."²⁰

The Apostle Paul mentions he travelled on a Roman merchant ship which carried 276 people even in "the off season" (Acts 27:6-37).

In recent centuries, the "Spanish Armada" of 1588 has assumed legendary status as a great naval fleet, yet it was less than one tenth the size of the Carthaginian and Roman naval fleets, according to ancient records.²¹ Also, ancient mariners were well equipped for trans-oceanic navigation. An ancient navigational device known as an "astrolabe" was found in the ocean near Greece. A photograph of the instrument can be seen in Dr. Fell's book, *America, B.C.*, with the caption:

"Portion of mechanism of analog computer of sailing ship, about 150 B.C. found on the seabed off Greece. The bronze wheels are toothed to drive other wheels after the manner of a mechanical clock, giving the latitude, time of day, and positions of the stars."²²

This is the oldest known navigational device available to ancient sailors. Since the Carthaginians and Phoenician/Israelites were much more accomplished trans-oceanic sailors than the ancient Greeks, they surely had similar or better navigational equipment. On the other hand, Columbus crossed the Atlantic in 1492 A.D. in a comparatively primitive fashion, without such sophisticated equipment.

Clearly, several ancient civilisations were much more advanced than mankind's civilisations of just a few centuries ago! The truth is that when mankind emerged from the "Dark Ages," it rediscovered many skills which had been common knowledge in many ancient civilisations.

Compare also the engineering skills of ancient and more recent civilisations, beginning with engineering efforts involving the same obelisk. Lionel Casson compares the two feats in *The Ancient Mariners*:

"The shaft now in front of St. Peter's [in the Vatican] stands about 130 feet high and weighs, together with its pedestal, just under 500 tons; the Emperor Caligula had it brought over [from Egypt] about A.D. 40, and the vessel he constructed to carry it was...[loaded with] 1300 tons. When Pope Sixtus V's architect, Domenico Fontana, in 1585 moved the obelisk from its original location in Nero's circus to where it now stands, he used 800 men, 140 horses and 40 rollers and the whole contemporary world broke into applause at the feat. But Caligula's seamen and engineers had taken the monument from Heliopolis near Cairo, barged it down the Nile, loaded it on its ship, sailed it successfully across the Mediterranean, transferred it again to a barge to get it up the Tiber, and re-erected it at the point where Fontana found it."²³

Whose engineering feat was the greater? Obviously, ancient Rome's engineering effort to move this obelisk was far more advanced than that of sixteenth century man.

The world marvelled when de Lesseps finished the Suez Canal in 1869, but ancient civilisations had built at least three such waterways between the Mediterranean and Red Seas. The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* states:

"Aristotle, Strabo and Pliny attribute to...Sesostris the distinction of being the first of the Pharaohs to build such a canal. From an inscription at Karnak it seems that the canal existed in the time of Seti I (1300 B.C.)."²⁴

The Persians under Darius the Great (circa 500 B.C.) also constructed a Nile River-Red Sea waterway to make sea commerce possible between Persia and Egypt.²⁵

A third canal was constructed under 'Amr, who was "the Arab conqueror of Egypt in the

seventh century. The canal was certainly in use in the early years of the Muslim rule in Egypt."²⁶

When the modern Suez Canal was constructed, the builders benefited from the previous efforts of ancient builders. The Encyclopaedia Britannica states concerning the ancient canals:

"The channel of this canal is still traceable in parts of the Wadi Tumilat, and its direction was frequently followed by the engineers of the fresh-water canal...[and]...This part of the canal, after over 2500 years of service, was utilised by the French engineers in building the fresh-water canal from Cairo to Suez in 1061-63. This canal follows the lines of 'Amr."²⁷

Consider also that modern man of the twentieth century still marvels at the superlative engineering skills of the ancient civilisation which built the geometrically precise pyramids of Egypt. The fact is that mankind's engineering skills were far more advanced in ancient civilisations than they were just a few centuries ago! Modern man has been rediscovering many engineering skills which were known to ancient civilisations instead of inventing them for the first time.

What about scientific knowledge? In the more recent Dark Ages, scientific knowledge was minimal as much of mankind believed that the earth was both flat and the center of the universe. What did ancient mankind understand about scientific facts?

Eratosthenes (obviously knowing the earth to be a sphere) accurately calculated the circumference of the earth in the third century B.C.²⁸, and mapped lines of latitude and longitude upon it.²⁹ Since the Phoenician/Israelites and Carthaginians were sailing the oceans with ease centuries before the time of Eratosthenes, they clearly understood the earth's roundness, and the principles of latitude and longitude as well. The biblical book of Job, as old as the second millennium B.C. states:

"He (God)...hath set the earth upon nothing. He bindeth up the waters in his thick cloud; and the cloud is not rent under them." (Job 26:7)

Job knew the earth was suspended in the ether of space like an ornament which was hung "upon nothing." He also shows that, almost 3000 years ago, the ancients understood that the clouds were composed of water vapor suspended in a gaseous state.

Continuing, Archimedes, in the third century B.C., was skilled in the principles of water displacement and specific gravities of substances, and "the extension of some of his theorems...became the equivalent of introductory integral calculus."³⁰ Aristarchus, in the same period, developed "a geometrically correct method of estimating the relative distances of the sun and moon."³¹ Euclid, also of the same time period, developed such accurate information about geometry that his work was the basis for modern understanding of the subject. Yet the famous Egyptian pyramids, already ancient by Euclid's time, are silent proof that a very advanced knowledge of geometric and trigonometric principles was possessed by a civilisation that Euclid would have regarded as "ancient!"

The Babylonians of the first millennium B.C. had such a precise knowledge of astronomical laws governing the movements of objects through outer space that they accurately predicted both lunar and solar eclipses!³² To do so, the ancient Babylonians had to possess the same understanding of complex mathematics that modern astronomers use to determine the movements of objects in space!

King Solomon (circa 1000 B.C.) of ancient Israel scientifically catalogued the earth's flora and

fauna (1 Kings 4:33). While the Babylonians were advanced, the Bible adds in 1 Kings 4:30 that "Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country [which included Babylon]." Solomon's comments in Ecclesiastes 1:6-7 demonstrate that he knew about the circuitous trade winds on the earth, as well as the water vapor cycle of evaporation and rainfall. Yet even Solomon did not claim that he was the first to know such things. His following statement (from Ecclesiastes 1:9) indicates as much.

"What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; and there is nothing new under the sun."

The above indicates that the ancient civilisations would have been shocked if they could have known how intellectually and scientifically backward mankind would have become by the medieval period. The ancients would have regarded medieval mankind as being intellectual "cavemen." There is no straight-line, upward evolutionary progression in history. The truth is that for much of history, mankind retrogressed in knowledge and scientific awareness, losing knowledge that was commonplace in the ancient world.

Let us now examine some remarkable "ancient mysteries" to determine just how advanced very ancient civilisations were. Erich von Daniken documented a number of these "ancient mysteries" in his books *Chariots of the Gods* and *In Search of Ancient Gods*. He lists the following "mysteries" from the ancient world in *Chariots of the Gods*.

"In Lebanon there are glasslike bits of rock, called tektites, in which radioactive aluminum isotopes have been discovered.

"In Egypt and Iraq there were finds of cut crystal lenses which today can only be made using cesium oxide, in other words an oxide that has to be produced by electrochemical processes.

"In Helwan there is a piece of cloth, a fabric so fine that today it could be woven only in a special factory with great technical know-how and experience.

"Electric dry batteries, which work on the galvanic principle, are on display in the Baghdad Museum.

"In the same place the visitor can see electric elements with copper electrodes and an unknown electrolyte...

"Ornaments of smelted platinum were found on the Peruvian plateau.

"Parts of a belt made of aluminum lay in a grave at Yungjen, China.

"At Delhi there is an ancient pillar made of iron that is not destroyed by phosphorus, sulphur, or the effects of the weather."³³

Von Daniken observes "this strange medley of 'impossibilities' should make us curious and uneasy."³⁴ Indeed, under evolutionary theory, such "high-tech" achievements by ancient man are impossible. Yet, they do exist! Von Daniken observes that to smelt and mold platinum, it is necessary to achieve contained temperatures of 1,800 degrees centigrade, and that aluminum can only be extracted from bauxite "under very great chemico-technical difficulties."³⁵

The above indicates the existence, in very ancient times, of a "high tech" society which possessed chemical and industrial plants, and electrification so sophisticated that they made

it "portable" via the use of ancient batteries. It also shows that some ancient societies had not only "a bronze age" and "an iron age," but possessed metallurgical skills as advanced as modern man, molding aluminum and platinum as well.

In light of the above, consider that the Bible stated in Genesis 4:22 that pre-flood mankind was involved with metalworking in copper and iron ores. Since some of the above ancient artifacts require factories with "high-tech" electrical and chemical capacities (with chemical pollution as a by-product), we find a logical context for the assertion of Genesis 6:11-12 that the earth itself became "corrupt" (polluted) in pre-flood society. Do Daniken's "ancient mysteries" date from the biblical pre-flood world?

Let us now combine the prophecies of Daniel 12:4 and Matthew 24:37. Daniel's prophecy stated that "at the time of the end...knowledge shall be increased." An examination of the Hebrew word "rabah," which is translated into the English word "increased" is most instructive. This word literally means: "to be many, multiplied."³⁶ This same word "rabah" is used in Genesis 7:16 to describe how the waters "increased" on the earth to create the Deluge of Noah's time.

Clearly, Daniel's prophecy indicates that mankind's knowledge will increase exponentially, not incrementally, in the end time. Daniel was prophesying that there would be a "multiplication" in mankind's knowledge just prior to God's intervention on the earth! The "knowledge explosion" now occurring in modern society was specifically foretold by the prophet Daniel for "the end time." Also, Jesus Christ prophesied in Matthew 24:37 that "as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Since Daniel foretold that the end time would include a "knowledge explosion," and Jesus Christ foretold that the end time would parallel the pre-flood time of Noah, the combination of these prophecies indicates that the pre-flood society of Noah was a "high-tech" society like our own! The remainder of this booklet will offer much evidence in support of this conclusion.

There are many more "ancient mysteries" indicating "high-tech" capacities in the earth's ancient past (photographs of many of them appear in van Daniken's *Chariots of the Gods*, and *In Search of Ancient Gods*). Von Daniken states that the ancient galvanic battery on display in Baghdad could still generate a current of 1.5 volts!³⁷ He adds that an ancient crystal lens was "mechanically ground and...no one disputes this,"³⁸ and that an ancient bison's skull on display in a Moscow Museum shows the entry wound of a bullet.³⁹

Ancient "model airplanes" have been found in Egypt and Colombia, with expert examinations confirming the airworthiness of their designs.⁴⁰ A photograph of one of these ancient model airplanes (made of gold) from South America includes delta wings, and a unibody construction of fuselage and wing surfaces (a feature of "stealth" technology)! Indeed, so many ancient model aircraft were found in Egypt that in 1972, an exhibition of "fourteen Ancient Egyptian model aircraft" was made public in the Hall of the Egyptian Museum for Antiquities, with the event being officially opened by a representative of the Egyptian prime minister and the nation's air minister!⁴¹

An ancient 11 and 1/2 pound skull made out of pure rock-crystal was found in Mayan ruins in British Honduras. Von Daniken comments that "nowhere on the skull is there a clue showing that a tool known to us was used!"⁴²

The existence of a finely ground ancient lens demonstrates that ancient man once had the ability to construct machine tools capable of operating with great precision. Ancient airplane models indicate that mankind once understood the principles of aerodynamics and manned flight. The ancient rock crystal skull with no evidence of any tool markings shows some ancient society had an incredibly "high-tech" manufacturing capacity. The likely way such a

product would be made today is via laser sculpting. One must conclude that: (A) laser technology was used by the ancient civilisation which manufactured this object, or (B) it was manufactured by a technique **even more advanced** than we can understand! Also, the fact that it is a human skull indicates it was made by humans (not by "little green men" from space)!

The factual existence of ancient aircraft models (including one with "stealth" technology) and the apparent existence of a bullet wound in an ancient bison skull indicates that Genesis 6:11's comment that pre-flood society was "filled with violence" meant a lot more than bludgeons and knives were being used as weapons. Besides prophesying that Noah's age would parallel the end time ushering in his second coming, Jesus also prophesied (Matthew 24:22) that end-time mankind would be in danger of destroying "all flesh" on earth. The destruction of all flesh is now possible via mankind's stockpiles of nuclear weapons; are we to infer from Jesus' prophecy that Noah's very violent, pre-flood world was in danger of doing the same thing?

Returning to the likelihood of pre-flood air travel. High on the plains of Nazca, Peru, are the remnants of an ancient "airfield," complete with runways, taxiways, and airport roadways. Von Daniken reproduces photographs of these features in his book, *In Search of Ancient Gods*, which are so striking they must be seen to be believed.⁴³ One aerial photograph shows a long and wide "runway" which is directly paralleled by a long "taxiway," others depict "crosswind runways," while others show the remnants of what appears to be the foundation of a centerline navigational aid system extending from the front edge of the "runway."⁴⁴

Furthermore, Von Daniken's books both reproduce photographs of an 820 foot trident, carved into a mountainside, which points at the Nazca airfield!⁴⁵ What could this be but an ancient visual aid to assist ancient pilots to find the "ancient airport?" Also, the remnant of what appears to be an ancient "radar dish" was also found in Andean ruins. It was a "hollowed-out section of rock which reflected waves," and when it was "examined with modern measuring methodst"⁴⁶ the result was:

"It consisted of a 6 by 6-foot semicircular parabolic reflector...We arrived at the formula $Y^2=12x$. A mirror of this kind would not have been possible until after the analytical geometry of Descartes around 1600. It is inconceivable that a primitive society could have built such a reflector without modern mathematics and modern tools."⁴⁷

Indeed! Yet this ancient wave reflector does exist, and it is tooled to a precise formula which was unknown to modern man until a few centuries ago! Clearly, some ancient society did possess very sophisticated knowledge and tools, with which they made a "radar reflector." The presence of an ancient "radar dish" in the region of the "Nazca airport" further indicates that it was, indeed, an airfield! That this ancient airfield was constructed of concrete⁴⁸ also supports the belief that it was designed to withstand the weight of heavy objects landing and taking off from its surface.

Von Daniken asks the following question about the unwillingness of modern man to address the above ancient realities.

"...we are not prepared to accept or admit that there was a higher culture or an equally perfect technology before our own...Why are the oldest libraries in the world secret libraries? What are people really afraid of? Are they worried that the truth...concealed for so many thousands of years, will finally come to light?"⁴⁹

In Romans 1:18 Paul declared that some people will "hold back the truth in unrighteousness," accurately foretelling that mankind would invent a mental deception (evolutionary theory)

about how the creation came into existence without a Creator in order to blind themselves to God's reality. Is the truth being suppressed in today's world? Have you seen any mention in modern educational materials about the above-mentioned facts indicating obvious "high-tech" achievements in the ancient world? If the answer is "no," it is because the truth about the ancient world is suppressed ("censored") in order to further evolutionary mythology. After all, it would not be "politically correct" to point out the many flaws in the theory of evolution! Therefore, evolutionists fight very hard to keep creationism from being studied in the public schools. They do so because they realize that the theory of evolution is so weak that many would see it as the hoax it is if it was ever confronted by the scientific realities of creationism.

Von Daniken clearly presents the undeniable evidence that a "high-tech" society did exist in ancient times. However, he postulates that ancient mankind was contacted by outer space aliens, who left evidence of their advanced technology behind them. Since the Bible strongly implies that mankind itself had a "high-tech" society during the pre-flood period, there is no need to explain its existence in terms of space aliens.

If there were no Creator God, his theory would seem to be the only one available. However, there is much proof that God is real, and that the Bible is His divine word to mankind. The existence of an ancient "high-tech" society is quite compatible with the Bible. Therefore, while this author disagrees with Von Daniken's theory about the origin of an ancient "high-tech" society, he nonetheless admires Von Daniken for his intellectual honesty in publicising the evidence of ancient "high-tech" civilisations, and proposing a theory to explain it.

All facts indicating that ancient mankind also had a "high-tech" society demonstrate that we have found another parallel between modern society and the society of ancient Noah. Only a "high-tech" society such as our own would even be able to detect and recognize the remnants of an ancient "high-tech" society.

The ancient "high-tech" objects and artifacts are impossible in any post-flood context. This indicates that these objects are relics of a "high-tech", pre-flood civilisation. Since Genesis 4:22 states that mankind had a metallurgical school just a few generations after the creation of Adam, the Bible actually preserves an historical account about a pre-flood Industrial revolution.' Von Daniken's litany of ancient 'high-tech" artifacts confirm the existence of an ancient industrialised society. The only logical time period for such a society is toward the end of the pre-flood world, when mankind's achievements (and corruptions) would have reached its zenith.

A question needs to be asked. If this ancient "high-tech" society existed, why didn't it leave more artifacts? The answer is found in the Deluge itself. The Bible states that the Flood was a worldwide event. Speculation about a regional flood is incompatible with the scripture. Genesis 7:19-23 states:

"And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered...the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast...and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land died...every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground...Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark." (Emphasis added.)

The Bible is very clear that a worldwide flood occurred, leaving no leeway for a "regional flood" interpretation. During a worldwide flood there would be awesome tidal waves and destructive wave action. It is likely that changes in the weight of waters on the earth's tectonic plates triggered great seismic activity (earthquakes, volcanoes, and both upthrusts and downthrusts of the earth's surface).

Widespread seismic activity and global wave action would scour the surface of the earth, destroying virtually everything that mankind had built. Modern man knows what destruction a tsunami (tidal wave) can do to a coastal city in mere seconds or minutes! Visualize the destruction of multiple tsunamis, and surging wave actions which went on for months!

The existence of sea-life fossils and sedimentary layers on mountains indicate the reality of ancient worldwide floods. Another method of archaeology involves the analysis of fossilised conodonts (small eel-like animals). Analysis of these conodonts by Charles Sandberg of the U.S. Geological Survey and Willi Ziegler of Frankfurt's Senckenberg Museum indicate:

"...great swings of sea-level around the time of the extinction. They see shallow-water conodonts suddenly appearing in deep-sea rocks. They argue that storms, and perhaps tsunamis, ravaged the planet...In Nevada, which was then deepwater terrain, Sandberg has found huge boulders of coastal rocks which were apparently ripped seaward."⁵⁰

Genesis 7:12 states that storms ravaged the earth for "forty days and forty nights," and tsunamis would have been common. Genesis 7:11 adds "the fountains of the great deep [were] broken up." That subterranean waters burst through the earth's surface confirms that seismic activity (fissures in the earth) was occurring. King David also refers to massive seismic activity during the Flood in Psalm 104:6-9. The Living Bible translates this Psalm about God's greatness as:

"You clothed the earth with floods of waters covering up the mountains...the water collected into its vast ocean beds and mountains rose and valleys sank...then you set a boundary for the seas, so that they would never again cover the earth." (Emphasis added.)

David's reference to God's promise (to Noah) that there would never again be a similar deluge shows that David is referring to the Flood in Noah's time, not the earlier flood of Genesis 1:2. David's Psalm confirms that great seismic activity occurred during the Deluge, altering the earth's topography. It is even possible that the great mountain ranges of today were formed as a result of upthrusts during the Deluge.

If the Flood were regional, Noah would not have needed an ark; God could simply have told him to migrate to higher ground. Also, God's entire purpose in the Deluge was to destroy all life on the planet's surface; a regional disaster would not have accomplished that goal. Since only Noah's family and various animal species were saved on the ark, the Flood would have caused a massive "die-off" of mammalian life.

The following is from the National Geographic article on extinctions which confirms a rapid extinction of mammals in the earth's recent past.

"...about 11,000 years ago. Most large mammals were wiped out. Saber-toothed cats, mastodons, mammoths, huge ground-sloths, short-faced bears, and dire wolves. All perished abruptly. What happened?"⁵¹

The above article guesses that this massive "die-out" occurred perhaps "11,000 years ago," very recently in the earth's geologic history. Since the earth's environment and the aging process were radically different in pre-Adamic and pre-flood periods, radiocarbon dating (if that is how the 11,000 year-old date was determined) is not reliable. The above die-off of mammals occurred during the Deluge of Noah's time, approximately 4,250 years ago.

The suddenness of the Deluge and accompanying destructions also explains other phenomena. For example, giant waves would bury many dead animals in a single spot, resulting in the mass fossil deposits which have been unearthed in modern times. Also, large mammoths were frozen and killed so quickly in Siberia that they did not have time to finish chewing what was in their mouths!

Mammoths have been dug out of the permafrost in states of preservation so remarkable that their carcasses were preserved, and the contents of their stomachs can be analyzed.⁵² Their stomach contents indicate that they grazed on grasses and vegetation, indicating that pre-flood Siberia was warm enough to produce expansive grasslands. The freezing of the mammoths had to occur very quickly to preserve their carcasses so well. How could this have happened?

During pre-flood times, the watery covering over the atmosphere provided an insulating shield which would have distributed heat more evenly throughout the earth. Also, the pre-flood earth may not have been tilted on its axis also resulting in more even temperatures on the earth. During the Deluge, the upper atmosphere layer of water fell to the earth's surface (Genesis 7:11), and the earth may also have simultaneously tilted on its axis to its current position.

The combined effects of these actions would have put portions of the earth in the polar region into an instant deep freeze, as they would suddenly be thrust into an "arctic night" at the same time that the heat-containing effect of the upper-atmosphere water layer was lost. These frozen mammoths would have been buried in sediment deposited by the Deluge and quick-frozen in the suddenly colder environment. As the Flood receded, radically different environmental conditions would result in the formation of polar regions with permanent cold, preserving the mammoths to our time.

Since Noah lived in one specific region of the earth, the animals that were taken on the ark would have represented animals indigenous to his region. Related sub-species of animal life in other regions of the earth would have "abruptly" died out! For this reason, we have elephants today, but mammoths became extinct. We have large cats, but no saber-toothed cats; we have sloths, bears and wolves, but only those varieties which bred from the pairs taken on the ark. In the Flood a great deal of the genetic pool of each species perished. **The fact that science has confirmed that there was a worldwide die-off of mammals, with only some forms surviving to repopulate the earth directly parallels the biblical account of the Deluge.**

Various sightings of the ark on Mt. Ararat (in Armenia) also confirm the Bible's account. While generally encased in ice, periodic sightings of the ark at a high altitude on Mt. Ararat have been publicised. Some of these sightings have been discussed on television specials, and some are mentioned in print. One account is as follows:

"It has been announced in a number of publications that certain Russian aviators, just prior to the Bolshevik Revolution, claimed to have seen the hulk of a gigantic ship high up in the inaccessible glacier fastnesses of Mt. Ararat; and that they reported their find to the Russian government. Just then the Czarist Government was overthrown by the atheistic Bolsheviks, and these reports were never made public."⁵³

It is perhaps no accident that the ark is encased in ice in a largely inaccessible location. God is likely preserving this massive artifact for the millennial age of Jesus Christ's rule, during which all the facts of Creation, God's reality and true history will be made known. Habakkuk 2:14 prophesies of that time:

"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover

the sea."

The ark would make an excellent centerpiece in a millennial museum about the pre-flood world! Until Christ comes, however, a "veil" of deception will hide critical truths from most of mankind (Isaiah 25:7, Revelation 12:9 and 20:3). The suppression of the ark's sighting also further fulfills Paul's observation in Romans 1 that evil men will "hold back" the truth from public awareness.

The biblical account of the Flood and the ark is confirmed by the widespread "deluge legends" which are found all over the earth. Since all current nations are descended from Noah's family, the ancestors of each nation would have been familiar with the Flood's events. Over time, these legends would be embellished to reflect the culture of each nation, but their existence confirms that all nations have descended from ancestors with a common deluge experience. Noah lived 350 years after the Flood and Shem (his son) lived 500 years after the Flood (Genesis 9:29, 11:11). This provided ample opportunity for Noah's family to give eye-witness accounts of the Flood (and pre-flood society) to many generations of mankind born after the Flood. No wonder the memory of the Flood is so powerfully imprinted in the legends of many nations; there were eyewitnesses to the Flood available for centuries after the event itself.

The Babylonian tradition states:

"Xisuthros, a king, was warned by one of the gods to build a ship, and take into it his friends and relatives and all different kinds of animals, with all necessary food. Whereupon he built an immense ship, which was stranded in Armenia. Upon subsidence of the Flood, he sent out birds; the third time, they returned not. He came out, builded an altar, and offered up sacrifice."⁵⁴

Other national legends about the Flood include the following:

"Egyptians had a legend that the gods at one time purified the earth by a great Flood, from which only a few shepherds escaped.

"Greek tradition: Deucalion, warned that the gods were going to bring a flood upon the earth, for its great wickedness, built an ark...a dove was sent out twice.

"Hindu tradition: Manu, warned, built a ship, in which he alone escaped from a deluge which destroyed all creatures.

"Chinese tradition: Fa-He, founder of Chinese civilisation, is represented as having escaped from a Flood sent because man had rebelled against heaven, with his wife, 3 sons and 3 daughters.

"England: Druids had a legend that the world had been repopled from a righteous patriarch who had been saved in a strong ship from a Flood sent to destroy man for his wickedness.

"Polynesians have stories of a Flood from which 8 escaped.

"Mexicans: One man, his wife and children, were saved in a ship from a Flood which overwhelmed the earth.

"Peruvians: One man and one woman were saved in a box that floated on the flood waters.

"American Indians: Various legends, in which 1, 3, or 8 persons were saved in a boat above the waters on a high mountain.

"Greenland: The earth once tilted over, and all men were drowned, except one man and one woman, who reseeded the earth."⁵⁵

The striking similarity between these widespread legends indicates that they stem from a common ancient event. Virtually every salient feature of the biblical Deluge account is preserved in one or more of the Flood legends of other nations. The fact that there is a certain ethnocentric perspective to the legends is understandable because the surviving patriarch (Noah) truly was the ancestor of each nation. Significantly, the Greenland legend states a tilting of the earth (on its axis) occurred during the time of the Flood! Such an event would stimulate seismic activity and contribute to the "deep-freeze" of the mammoths.

If you were Noah and were told by God that all life on earth was going to be obliterated except for your family and a group of animals and that you would have to rebuild civilization with only the materials that you could carry on an ark, what would you have loaded on the Ark? Wouldn't you bring tools, art objects, durable clothing, educational materials, toys for children, valuables, etc. with you? Noah and his family certainly thought the same thoughts, and loaded as much as possible with which to "start over" after the Flood. The Ark became a huge "time capsule," preserving a variety of pre-flood artifacts and materials which represented a sampling of pre-flood society. The Ark had an immense cargo capacity! Henry Halley describes it as follows:

"The Ark was about 450 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, 45 ft. high. It had three decks, divided into compartments, with a window course around the top. It must have been very much the same size and proportion as ocean ships of today."⁵⁶

The Ark was a very large vessel! Its very construction would have been a witness to that generation of God's impending judgement; however, no one repented and believed a deluge would actually occur (Matthew 24:37-39). Indeed, Noah was surely jeered for believing in a Creator God who could intervene on the earth in whatever way he pleased. Nevertheless, Noah and his family lived; his mockers all died.

Since it would have taken years to build and provision such a vessel, Noah had much time to collect and preserve whatever pre-flood items he wished, and to stockpile whatever he needed to start life anew after the Flood. Such items would include clothing (sturdy fabrics and an aluminum belt?), works of art and/or examples of current technology (a rock-crystal head and ornaments of platinum?), toys for eventual grandchildren (model airplanes?), and certainly portable sources of heat and light (batteries?).

The ancient "high-tech" artifacts documented by Von Daniken likely were all part of the Ark's cargo. That is why they survived in such undamaged condition. After the Flood the Bible tells us that mankind was scattered abroad on the earth after their languages were confused (Genesis 11:8). Undoubtedly the contents of the Ark were coveted by all the nascent nations of mankind, and each carried with them a portion of the Ark's contents as they scattered in all directions. This accounts for the wide distribution of ancient "high-tech" items across the earth's surface. Many "high-tech" artifacts would have become prized national possessions which were, as mankind lost its pre-flood skills, regarded as mystical or religious objects from a time when "gods" ruled the earth.

Surely, many such artifacts were destroyed or lost during the millennia since the Deluge, but some have survived to be ancient "mysteries" in modern Museums. Scarcely anything on the surface of pre-flood society would have survived the ravages of the worldwide Flood and

destruction. Only in the highest regions (the last areas to be flooded would receive the least wave-action) would some well constructed items survive. It is in the high altitudes of the Andean Plateau that von Daniken's concrete ancient airfield, airfield markings and radar dish are located. It may very well be the remnants of an international airport of pre-flood society. What else can it be?

If the idea of manned flight in ancient history still sounds impossible, consider the following. Von Daniken cites the shocking result of a translation of an ancient manuscript by the International Academy of Sanskrit Research at Mysore, India. The ancient text, attributed to a "Maharashi Bharadwaja, a seer in the remote past," describes "the secret of making planes invisible, of the uncanny possibility of hearing conversations inside enemy planes and taking them down"⁵⁷ A facsimile of the Sanskrit manuscript (with translation; appears in von Daniken's book, *In Search of Ancient Gods*. The "manuscript from the pre-historic past" is entitled *Aeronautics*, by Maharashi Bharadwaja. Its translation includes the following:

"In this book are described...the art of manufacturing various types of Aeroplanes of smooth and comfortable travel in the sky...That which can travel in the sky, from place to place, land to land, or globe to globe...

"The secret of constructing aeroplanes, which will not break...which cannot catch fire, and cannot be destroyed. The secret of making planes motionless. The secret of making planes invisible. The secret of learning conversations and other sounds in enemy planes. The secret of receiving photographs of the interior of enemy planes'."⁵⁸

This 'prehistoric' document discusses such 'high-tech' subjects as constructing aircraft of fire-retardant material, making aircraft 'hover' in place (like helicopters or the 'Harrier' fighter), stealth technology, air-to-air surveillance and in-flight image transmission.

The fact that ancient airplane models incorporate (and the ancient Sanskrit document implies) 'stealth technology' indicates that radar was commonly used in pre-flood times since the whole purpose of stealth technology is to evade radar detection (making planes 'invisible'). This ancient document referencing ultra-modern 'high-tech' concepts further indicates that von Daniken's ancient 'airport' and 'radar dish' are, indeed, relics of a 'high-tech' pre-flood society.

That an ancient 'Maharashi' knew technical data on advanced aeronautical information implies that one of the survivors on the Ark had firsthand experience with pre-flood aeronautics and could describe it to post-flood generations (who, in turn, preserved and recopied the information for their posterity)."

Besides the fact that pre-flood society had long lifespans and no language barriers, another factor argues for a more advanced pre-flood society. Genesis 1:26 quotes God as saying: "let us make man in our image." Mankind was created with a mind that was "in the image of God." Mankind was created to give companionship to God himself! To give meaningful companionship to God, mankind's mindpower had to reflect that of his Creator! That is why mankind can grasp his own existence, the concept of eternity, and understand and analyze the universe in which he was made.

Mankind was given "dominion" over the physical earth and began to "create" a world for himself as he accumulated more knowledge about the earth, its elements and resources. Evolutionary theory maintains that mankind developed from a "primordial slime" via a sequence of statistically-impossible events, and has been steadily "progressing." In reality, mankind was originally created at the pinnacle of the physical universe, interacting personally

with both God and angels (Genesis 2 and 3), but has had a natural tendency toward sin and degeneration.

In pre-flood society sin and corruption were able to spread as easily as technical knowledge. Genesis 6:6 notes that "the Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth." (RSV)

Immediately after the Flood, Noah's sons and daughters-in-law began having children which became the forebears of all modern races and nations (Genesis 10). Genesis 11:1 confirms that everyone spoke the same language, so knowledge could be pooled just as easily as in pre-flood days. While mankind's lifespans began a steady decline after the Flood, the immediate post-flood generations still lived for centuries, allowing knowledge to be pooled among many generations as well.

Genesis 11:4 shows that mankind was determined to "stick together," pool their efforts, and not be "spread abroad upon the face of the earth." Genesis 11:3-4 also shows that mankind began a major urbanization/construction project soon after the Flood. Post-flood mankind had no intention of being "hunter-gatherers!" Indeed, they had eight eye-witnesses of the pre-flood society (Noah's family), and while Genesis 9:26 implies that Shem shared Noah's zeal for God, there is no hint that the others family members cared for Noah's values. They could easily have told succeeding generations how things were "in the good old days" before the Flood: relating the many luxuries and conveniences that were available to pre-flood society. Many of the artifacts which Noah placed on the Ark would have been clear evidence that post-flood society was frightfully "backward" compared to pre-flood times. There may have been books, photos, tools, technical manuals, etc. on the ark that facilitated the speedy redevelopment of industrial skills in post-flood society. A single pre-flood "encyclopedia set" would give vast technical instructions on every subject known to pre-flood mankind!

Genesis 11:4 records that mankind had two post-flood projects: (A) to build a city, and (B) to construct a tower (since called "the tower of Babel"). The "tower of Babel" project was so advanced that God observed in Genesis 11:6-8:

"...this they have begun to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do...Let us go down, and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth..." (Emphasis added.)

There is much in this account. Whereas it was God's will for mankind to "replenish [reinhabit] the earth," mankind was determined to stay in one spot, pooling their efforts to accomplish the "tower of Babel" project.

What was the "tower" project of post-flood mankind? Genesis 11:4 offers this clue:

"And they [post-flood mankind] said, Go to, let us build a city and a tower, **whose top may reach unto heaven.**" (Emphasis added.)

The standard interpretation of this verse is that mankind attempted to make bricks "out of slime and mortar," and tried to build a massive "skyscraper" which would reach into the clouds ("toward heaven"). However, there is a major problem with this. Unless they were reinforcing this building with steel girders, this brick building would collapse of its own weight before it got too many stories high. Also, God looked at this "tower" project, and was so impressed with their accomplishment that he said "this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."

Would the construction of a mudbrick building so impress God that he would essentially say:

"if they can do this already, then they will be able to implement even their wildest imaginations." Of course not! No brick building would be that impressive to God. The standard interpretation of this event is that God stopped the project because mankind's vanity was the motivation for this project. However, the Bible account says nothing about God stopping the tower project because of their vanity. God stopped the project because mankind's technical skills were advancing far too fast for his allotted timetable for mankind! They were developing technologies which would enable them to implement whatever they imagined, and God intervened to stop it.

Is God against progress? Of course not. However, he has certain divine timetables for mankind's level of knowledge. One element of his divine plan was that no period of mankind's history other than the "latter days" just prior to Christ's return would be allowed to parallel the pre-flood age of Noah (see Matthew 24:37). Yet, just a few generations after the Deluge, mankind had developed sufficient technical knowledge that they were about to redevelop whatever "high-tech" capacities existed in the pre-flood world.

Had God allowed this to continue, mankind would have had a civilisation paralleling the pre-flood world soon after the Flood! Since God's plan allowed for such a parallel civilisation to exist only in "the latter days," he had to intervene and "nip in the bud" mankind's technological development. After all, this tower project was occurring the better part of two millennia before Jesus Christ's first coming, and God's plan didn't allow for a repeat of the pre-flood world's skills until about 2000 years after his first coming.

There is another aspect of this account which is easily missed. God has myriads of angels who keep him informed regarding events on the earth, and they can easily convey their reports to him in his heavenly domain. Yet Genesis 12:5 states that "the Lord came down to see the...tower, which the children of men builded." One gets the sense that the angels told God about what was occurring on earth, but God felt it was imperative for him personally to inspect this tower being built by mankind.

Do you think God would feel it necessary to leave heaven, and **personally** come to earth to inspect a mud-brick building a few stories high? Absurd, isn't it? Would a mud-brick building threaten God's overall timetable for mankind? Of course not! Modern mankind is probably comfortable with the concept of a mudbrick tower because it can feel superior to ancient "dummies" who thought they could reach "heaven" via a high tower.

So what was this tower which provoked God's personal inspection and intervention? It had to constitute a technological breakthrough so advanced that even God acknowledged that mankind was developing the skills and "know-how" to literally bring any imagined project into reality! Consider again that Genesis 11:4 states it was a "tower whose top may reach unto heaven." The account does not say the whole tower would reach unto heaven - only its top was intended to reach into the heavens! Since Matthew 24 cites Jesus Christ himself as telling us that latter-day mankind will parallel the pre-flood world, we should look at our own society to find a parallel to what post-flood mankind was doing in its abortive effort to rebuild pre-flood society. Does our society have "towers" whose "tops" are intended to reach "unto heaven?" Of course.

A space rocket with a satellite payload or astronaut compartment in the uppermost stage is certainly a "tower" whose "top" (upper stage) will reach the heavens when launched. The Hebrew word translated "heaven" is "shamayim," which can designate not only the "heaven" in which the clouds are found, but it can also designate outer space!⁵⁹ For example, Genesis 22:17 mentions the "shamayim" where the stars are. The word "top" is translated from the Hebrew word "rosh," which is translated as "head" more often than it is as "top".⁶⁰ The Bible asserts that only the "top" (or head portion) of this "tower" would reach "unto heaven." This is

consistent with the fact that only the upper stage (the "top" or "head") of a space rocket is designed to reach outer space.

Consider also that while Hebrew had words for "buildings," those words were not used to describe the "tower" of post-flood mankind. Ancient Hebrew had no words for missiles and rockets, but the ancient word for "tower" (a tall, erect structure) comes fairly close.

If Noah (or members of his family) had brought a variety of pre-flood technical journals on the ark, mankind would have had the complex instructions and the exact formulae necessary to implement "high-tech" projects as soon as they "birthed" enough manpower for a large-scale project. Genesis 10:25 tells us that "the earth was divided" in the days of a man named Peleg. This division of the earth is describing the "scattering of mankind around the earth" (see Genesis 11:9) which happened when God stopped the "tower" project. Genesis 11:10-17 shows that Peleg was born four generations (and 101 years) after the Flood. Since Peleg lived 239 years, God's stopping of the "tower" project occurred between 101 and 340 years after the Flood (plenty of time for mankind to "birth" sufficient numbers of people to work on a massive project).

Remember the ancient Sanskrit document about air travel which mentioned the existence of "aeroplanes...which can travel...globe to globe." The word "globe" shows that the spherical nature of the planets was known to very ancient mankind, and this ancient document asserts that manned vehicles existed in ancient times which could fly between the "globes" (i.e. "planets"). Was mankind's "Tower of Babel" a launching pad or missile complex, being constructed in an effort to rebuild a space program? Before you dismiss this possibility, there is evidence to support such a contention! Read on if you dare to have your concepts of ancient history severely challenged.

Von Daniken claims to have found numerous references to space travel and astronauts in the artifacts and pictographs of the ancient world. For example, a ceramic object was unearthed at the Great Pyramid at Tlateloco which von Daniken describes as "a bad copy of a jet engine." However, the object looks like an excellent copy (with stylized fire coming from the object) of the gimbaled engine nozzles of the rocket which powers America's space shuttle flights into orbit.⁶¹

He also notes ancient Chinese mummies which are girded with what look like astronaut's flight suits,⁶² an ancient funerary crypt dating from Mexico which apparently depicts an ancient astronaut at the controls of his space capsule,⁶³ ornamentation on an ancient "god" which resembles a "modern electronic integrated circuit,"⁶⁴ and an ancient tablet showing a "god" flying above a design which (he postulates) could be the depiction of an astronaut in a space vehicle with the design being a "symbolic representation of the construction of an atom...represent[ing] the propulsion unit."⁶⁵ Indeed, Von Daniken's entire book, *In Search of Ancient Gods*, describes many such ancient artifacts and drawings which support his contention that there were ancient astronauts on the earth.

Interestingly, many ancient civilisations deified their ancestors and depicted them as "gods" who "flew in the heavens." Asshur, the deified ancestor of the Assyrians is so depicted, as is "Ahura-Mazda," an ancient Persian "god." In the case of Asshur, there is a direct link to pre-flood man, as Asshur's father (Shem) was a pre-flood man, quite familiar with whatever technologies pre-flood mankind possessed. Shem was 100 years old when the Flood occurred, and lived 500 years after the Flood. Indeed, an analysis of the genealogies of Genesis indicates that Shem lived long enough to be a contemporary of Abraham, Isaac and possibly even Jacob!

Shem lived long enough to communicate information about pre-flood life to many generations of many nations. Shem, a product of pre-flood genetics and possessing a pre-flood body, outlived eight of the nine generations that followed him (see Genesis 11)! This supports the contention that matter (out of which human bodies are composed) aged differently in the post- and pre-flood period. Eber, Shem's great-grandson, was the only one to outlive Shem, and Eber's long lifetime made him a contemporary of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as well. Perhaps it was because Eber the patriarch was still a contemporary of Jacob that Jacob's descendants were named "Hebrews," in his honor.

In the 1980's a new development in the heavens was discovered which shocked modern mankind! This development has been the subject of media coverage in both the established media and the non-establishment tabloids. This development was the discovery of a gigantic sculpted human face, encased in a helmet. This sculpted face was not discovered on the earth, but on Mars!

This Martian face was examined on the NBC television network program "Unsolved Mysteries," on January 11, 1989. It showed remarkable photographs of the Mars face, as well as other images created by photo enhancement techniques which gave the Martian face greater detail. Excerpts from this NBC program are as follows:

"...other dramatic discoveries were made by the Viking spacecrafts. These discoveries have divided the scientific community...some even believe that the Viking missions may have found evidence of an ancient civilisation on Mars...

"The orbiting Viking satellites...also sent back amazing photographs of Mars' landscape...One of these deserts, Cydonia, has several intriguing features."⁶⁶

These "intriguing features" on Mars were described as:

"...symmetrically formed mounds...seem to resemble the Pyramids in Egypt. Their near-perfect proportions have roused the curiosity of many scientists. But even more curious than the Pyramids is a Sphinx-like formation ten miles away, the face on Mars...The symmetry of the face, the detail of its features, argue that its existence is not simply a caprice of nature...after the Viking missions, two computer engineers under contract to NASA noticed the face in a journal, and began to dig through the original Viking photographs."⁶⁷

One of these engineers was named Vincent DiPietro. In his interview for this NBC program, he stated:

"After doing our enhancing techniques, we were able to bring out details that were much greater than the raw pictures that we had. Within the eye cavity of the feature [the face on Mars] there appears to be what looks like an eyeball. After searching the files, we found that there was a picture made 35 days later, and not only did it confirm that the object was still there, but there was more detail to be seen."⁶⁸

Comparisons of the two photographs "seemed to verify that the face looked exactly the same, regardless of the light or camera angle."⁶⁹

A physicist, John Brandenburg, made the following comments about the discovery of the Mars face on the same NBC program.

"I was very impressed because they had gone to the trouble of finding two photographs of the face...and I remember particularly being impressed by the fact that they appeared to have found what looked like an eyeball. You can see a dark depression in the middle of the eye-

socket on both pictures, clearly visible. And I remember thinking, 'Well, if one finds what looks like a carved face, and one finds what looks like pyramids, then someone should look into it further.'"⁷⁰

The narrator of the NBC program, Robert Stack, added:

"Another computer scientist, working independently, used a different technique of photographic enhancement based on shadow depth. He found a detail...the others had missed - teeth. In addition to finding details on the first face, DePieto and Molenaar [the other computer engineer] also found another face-like formation on Mars, thousands of miles away from the first face on the other side of the planet; its measurements were extremely similar to the [first] face."⁷¹

The NBC television program showed very detailed pictures of the Martian face as well as enhanced photographic images of it in the video portion of the program. The images are unmistakable; there is a giant sculpture of a human face on Mars, complete with eyes, nose, mouth, chin, eyeball and teeth. While not mentioned on the NBC program, the video images show that the face is encased in headgear which looks like a helmet.

Some will surely "pooh-pooh" the existence of the face, asserting this very detailed image of a human face to be the result of chance occurrences. The existence of a second face on Mars and the proximity of one of the faces to a grouping of pyramids renders chance occurrences an impossibility. How did they get there? The evidence presented in Van Daniken's book combined with the new perspective on Genesis found in this booklet indicates that mankind's pre-flood society had not only developed a space program, but that it was far more advanced than the space programs of our modern nations!

Consider the engineering feat of transporting a work crew and sophisticated tools to Mars to construct huge faces and pyramids! The fact that the face on Mars is a human face indicates that its makers were humans, and that it was meant to be seen from earth by other humans! As evidence that the builders of the Mars face were humans from earth, a stone human head, encased in a helmet-like device very similar to that on the face on Mars was unearthed in Ecuador. Von Daniken's book, *In Search of Ancient Gods*, includes a photograph of the face with the caption: "...a head with astronaut's helmet..."⁷²

While the face on Mars has received limited coverage in the established media, it has received extensive coverage in unconventional tabloids. Tabloid stories about this face on Mars have claimed that similar human faces are on the moon or other planets in our solar system, and assert various other claims about them as well. The photographs of the "face on Mars" in the tabloids do depict the same image of the face that appeared on the NBC television program.

The most likely source of the civilisation that sculpted this face on Mars is the pre-flood world of Noah. However, due to evolutionary indoctrination, many will attempt to find an evolutionary "solution" to the problem of a human face in outer space. Therefore, evolutionists generally speculate that advanced outer space aliens performed these (and all other) ancient "high-tech" projects. That is why governments and scientists actually beam friendly "messages" to deep space; they hope to "find" some theorized advanced race in outer space. These efforts simply waste time and money. The Bible and ancient "high-tech" artifacts show the elusive "advanced race" was mankind's own pre-flood civilisation which was obliterated in the Deluge. When the Deluge wiped out the entire "high-tech" civilisation of that time, any colonies or construction projects which that society may have been supporting in outer space withered and died.

The Bible clearly shows that Noah's pre-flood generation had an industrial capacity. Jesus Christ prophesied that there would be only one other "generation" (the latter-day generation) which would mirror the pre-flood generation of Noah before he returned to the earth. This indicates that there will be only two "high-tech" civilisations on earth before the return of Jesus Christ to judge and rule the earth, and both precipitate God's direct intervention! The pre-flood, "high-tech" society was eliminated by God in a worldwide deluge, the second "high-tech" society (our own) will trigger the return of Jesus Christ to save mankind from extinction (Matthew 24:22, 37-39). The presence of "high-tech" societies in both Noah's generation and our own constitutes the most striking parallel between Noah's time and ours.

Since nobody joined Noah's family on the Ark, it is clear that Noah's warning about an imminent intervention of God was uniformly scorned by his society. Our own high-tech society, vainly believing the evolutionary myth that mankind is the highest being in the Universe, also widely scorns the likelihood that divine intervention (the return of Jesus Christ) is imminent. This attitude was prophesied to occur (Matthew 24:37-39, 2 Peter 3:3-6). The widespread belief that there is no God who can and will directly intervene in mankind's affairs forms another parallel between Noah's society and our own.

How far did mankind's pre-flood space program progress? We do not know, but a society which was advanced enough to successfully perform major construction projects on Mars clearly possessed skills that are far beyond the abilities of modern mankind. They could have progressed even further in their technology than we dare think!

The Bible relates that approximately seventeen centuries elapsed between the creation of Adam and the Flood. How much could pre-flood mankind have achieved from the creation of Adam until the Flood, without the modern handicaps of short lifespans and language barriers? Even in our modern society (with short lifespans and many language barriers), mankind has advanced from riding in horsebuggies to walking on the moon in one lifetime!

Let us now construct a chronological account of the events on the other side of the Flood in the context of a pre-flood, "high-tech" society. The Bible's account is much clearer when read in this context.

The pre-flood world, which developed a metallurgical industry a few generations after Adam and Eve's creation, was experiencing a population explosion and had violent societies by the time of Noah. Since the Bible tells us that the earth (as well as mankind) was "corrupt," pollution (toxic by-products of an industrial society) had also become a severe problem. Like today, human nature caused mankind to exploit the earth's resources for short-term motives without heed to the long-term effects on the environment. When Noah built a huge Ark, on dry land, with no propulsion system, and preached a message "that the end was near," he became an object of ridicule.

Nevertheless, Noah labored faithfully for many years on the project, painstakingly provisioning the Ark with supplies and materials that would be needed to rebuild society after the Flood. Noah, like any other human being facing an imminent "Robinson Crusoe" experience, loaded the ark with anything he could possibly need or want in his pre-flood society. Not only would he take food, candles and batteries, but also examples of art, science and literature as well as personal heirlooms. Put yourself in his position: what would you have packed into the Ark? Noah had to fill the Ark with many mundane items as well as valuable and exotic items from the pre-flood world. After all, how much toilet paper would you have packed if you knew there would be no more to buy once the Deluge came? Noah had to make all types of similar decisions. No wonder the Ark was as big as an ocean liner!

Many seem to have the impression that Noah simply ambled on to the Ark one day after filling it with animal fodder and smelling of sheepdip! Hardly! He had many years to store whatever he wanted to preserve from pre-flood society, and what he would need to begin civilisation anew. The Bible does not record that God put any limitations on Noah regarding what he could bring with him into the post-flood world. By the time the Flood arrived, the Ark was probably filled with pre-flood supplies, artifacts, tools, etc. When the Ark was provisioned, the animals were boarded on the Ark and it began to rain with unprecedented violence. God himself sealed the Ark so nothing else could enter (Genesis 7:16).

Undoubtedly, as the waters rose, thousands of people came to the Ark to seek safety, screaming "Let us in, Noah!," "Remember me, Noah? I believe in your God now, Noah!" Even if they heard the screams above the tumult of the storm, they could not open a door which God had sealed shut. Gradually, the Ark lifted and the screams ceased. Floating on an endless sea, they tended to the needs of the animals, some of which probably hibernated. Eventually, they could feel the Ark hit solid ground and hold fast. To test the habitability of the outside world, Noah occasionally set birds free to test whether they could find any suitable habitat. The birds finally brought vegetation in their mouth, and then ceased to return altogether. Then God spoke directly to Noah telling him it was alright to leave, and Noah's family and the animals disembarked, approximately one year after they had boarded it (Genesis 7:11, 8:13-16)

It was a radically different world that they entered. During the Flood awesome tidal waves and surging wave action had ground the pre-flood civilisation into powder. There was no trace of the pre-flood world anywhere to be seen. They did not even know where they were. (Genesis 8:4 notes that they were on "the mountains of Ararat.") Without the upper-atmosphere water layer, the sun shined clearer than ever before, and a rainbow appeared, becoming a token of God's promise never again to drown the entire earth in a flood. God gave Noah's family the same instruction he gave Adam and Eve after an earlier global catastrophe: "replenish the earth.

God placed a natural fear of mankind in the animals, causing them to leave the places of human habitation and repopulate the earth with animal life (Genesis 9:1-2). All human and air-breathing animal life currently on the earth have descended from the Ark's survivors. While some species had only one breeding pair, many species (and all bird species) had seven breeding pairs (Genesis 7:2). Since the gene pools varied, some species could produce many more sub-species than could other animals. Many sub-species died out in the Flood as Noah's animal "cargo" represented a sampling of the animal sub-species indigenous to his region of the pre-flood world. For this reason, we have African and Asian elephants, but no mammoths: we have Bengal and Siberian Tigers, but no saber-toothed tigers.

Noah's pre-flood maps were useless. Seismic activity and intense wave action had altered the earth's topography. Noah's progeny could have huge families as there was plenty of room for everyone. Each new generation doubtless had tremendous curiosity about the pre-flood world. For 350 years Noah was available as an eye-witness of pre-flood society. Shem lived for 502 years after the Flood, and the other six persons who lived through the Flood were alive for unknown periods of time. With such eye-witnesses available, everyone could be made aware of the Flood's history and what pre-flood society was like. That accounted for the near universality of deluge histories in the world's nations. The items which Noah and his family had brought on the Ark became extremely valuable as all such items were links to mankind's immediate past.

Noah, knowing that technological development had corrupted mankind, despoiled the earth, and nearly led to mankind's extinction, likely had pastoral goals for post-flood society. Not

everyone agreed. As new generations came to maturity, they could literally hold in their hands and see with their eyes the evidence of pre-flood society's technological prowess. It didn't take long for them to want the same conveniences and capacities for themselves. Most of Noah's own family likely shared that view. Genesis 9:26 indicates that Shem may have shared his father's views, but apparently no one else did.

Having one language, examples of pre-flood technology to analyse, and survivors of pre-flood society to instruct them, it wouldn't have taken long to begin rebuilding aspects of the pre-flood world. Noah's family may have included persons who already had specialised pre-flood knowledge. Noah's sons had each lived for 100 years in pre-flood society, and we do not know what professions they had prior to the Flood. Their wives may also have had specialised skills. Noah and his wife had 600 years of pre-flood experience! If Noah's family included persons whose pre-flood skills were that of a chemist, an aeronautical engineer, a metallurgist, or a physicist, it wouldn't take long to teach these skills to the newly-maturing humans. The post-flood generations didn't need "space aliens" to be their "gods" to teach them advanced skills; they had pre-flood survivors (Noah's family) available to teach them the advanced skills of the pre-flood world! Indeed, for the ancient Sanskrit aeronautics document (cited earlier) to exist, someone on the Ark had to be able to pass on "high-tech" aeronautical information!

Perhaps Noah's family also brought books, tools and technical manuals on the ark with them. Even if Noah didn't bring or want them on the Ark, his family may have brought them on board to preserve critical information for their post-flood lives. These could have been studied and implemented in fairly short order. Genesis 11:3 mentions that post-flood mankind quickly began a unified construction effort using "brick...stone...slime...[and] mortar." This sounds innocuous until one looks a little closer. The Hebrew word translated "slime" is "chemar," which literally means "bitumen."⁷³ A dictionary defines bitumen as "any of several substances obtained as asphaltic residue in the distillation of coal tar, petroleum, etc., or occurring as natural asphalt."⁷⁴ The Hebrew word translated "mortar" is "chomer," which also literally means "clay."⁷⁵

The book of Genesis is part of the Torah, the first five books of the Bible whose authorship is attributed to Moses. Moses wrote long after the Flood, and had to utilise either earlier manuscripts or revelation from God as his sources. Moses, like the prophet Daniel and the Apostle John who penned the Books of Daniel and Revelation, had to describe "high-tech" concepts with the non-technical vocabulary of his time. Moses could only mention the raw materials they began with, and the general goal of their project.

A few generations after the Flood (Genesis 10:21-25, 11:10-16), mankind began a unified construction project at a location possessing certain raw materials. With bitumen (fossil fuel products), they had a power source for heavy industry. With clay, they had a source for ceramics, with which they could build industrial refractories to contain the high temperatures of advanced metalworking and alloying. Modern mankind has learned that clay-based ceramics have many "high-tech" applications. The goal of this construction effort was to build a "tower whose top [or head portion] would reach unto heaven." That language is consistent with the description of a rocket whose upper stage is intended to reach "unto heaven." The evidence of aeronautics in pre-flood civilisations and the sculpted human face on Mars are strong evidence that such skills existed in pre-flood society for transmission to post-flood mankind via members of Noah's family.

There is another reason why a "high-tech" explanation is required for this ancient post-flood project. That reason is God's reaction! God had just finished destroying the earth's society for its corruption. He witnessed that mankind was unable to use "high-tech" knowledge in a responsible manner and was not about to allow a speedy restoration of the same type of

society he had just destroyed! Also, his prophetic timetable that only the society just prior to Jesus Christ's second coming could parallel Noah's pre-flood world was seriously threatened by post-flood mankind's effort to rebuild a "high-tech" society.

God's response is described in Genesis 11:5-9:

"And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, Behold, they are one people and they have all one language; **and this is only the beginning of what they will do, and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them.** Come, let us go down and there confound (mix up, confuse) their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from that place upon the face of the whole earth, **and they gave up building the city.** Therefore the name of it was called Babel." (Amplified Version, emphasis added.)

God and the angels can see, from their invisible perspectives, what mankind is doing at all times. Mankind was embarking on two separate projects, a city and a tower. Mankind has built cities all over the earth without provoking any divine response, so the key factor which caused God to take drastic action had to involve the "tower." If mankind was only slapping mudbricks and mortar together to build a rudimentary multistory building, that would not evoke a drastic response from God. (God never "got excited" about mudbrick towers at any other time in history!) Would the ability to build a mudbrick building have inspired God to say: "nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them?" Hardly. Piling bricks on top of each other does not represent a technological breakthrough so striking that mankind could be observed to be on the brink of bringing all its imaginations into reality!

The Bible clearly shows that God saw such technological prowess in this "tower" project that he was convinced that mankind was close to achieving sufficient technological knowledge and skill to actually implement anything they imagined, and what they "imagined to do" was rebuild the pre-flood, "high-tech" world about which they knew a great deal! It almost seems as if God was impressed with what they had achieved in so short a time! However, like a loving parent who knows his children are about to do something that will only harm them in the long run, he intervened to "nip in the bud" this incipient post-flood "high-tech" effort.

The fact that mankind was able to achieve this state of affairs soon after the Flood strongly argues that they had access to pre-flood, technological secrets that had survived via the Ark. They all still spoke the same pre-flood language as well so knowledge could be shared easily. God decided the best way to stop the post-flood "knowledge explosion" was to make them unable to understand each other's words or writing.

When he did this, it immediately stopped the "tower project" in its tracks, and put post-flood mankind into "a stone age." Since the skills needed to build a high-tech society were scattered among the nations, mankind no longer had the ability to pool essential knowledge after the languages were confused.

The language confusion also stopped the willingness of mankind to share knowledge as each language group now saw other language groups as potential rivals and enemies. They were not about to share information that would enable another group to achieve supremacy.

When God changed the languages, he apparently changed everyone's language. Not only could people no longer understand each other, but also no one could understand the pre-flood language! By doing so, God "cut off" all nations from information contained in pre-flood documents. The precious pre-flood documents now became useless except for kindling. While mankind was still familiar with pre-flood accomplishments, its access to pre-flood technical knowledge was lost. With the chaos that immediately set in, the "tower project" was

abandoned and mankind scattered around the world, dividing into their respective language groups (from these groups, our modern nations and languages have developed). It is clear from the biblical account that God stopped the "tower project" long before it was brought to fruition. Genesis 11:6 shows that mankind was only "beginning" the project when God confused their languages.

Consider the aftermath of God's action. Each linguistic group retained the knowledge of the Flood, the advanced state of the extinct pre-flood world, and what happened at Babel. It is likely that each linguistic group regarded itself as the "original language" group since no one had any perception of a change in his own language abilities! This led each group to develop an ethnocentric attitude which regarded all other groups as babbling idiots! Each group also wanted as many as possible pre-flood artifacts and items which had been on the Ark, and it is likely that fighting determined who would take which items with them. This dispersion of post-flood mankind has resulted in the discovery (at sites all over the world) of the ancient "high-tech" artifacts mentioned in Von Daniken's books.

When God altered the languages of post-flood society, he delayed mankind's technological advancement for millennia! While everyone had the ability to speak a language, apparently no one had the ability to read or write their new languages, making everyone illiterate! Each nation had to start "from scratch" in developing written symbols for their spoken language. By cutting off mankind from the knowledge contained in the pre-flood language and leaving mankind with spoken (but not written) languages, God effectively put mankind into the "stone age" in a single day! God's confusion of the languages at Babel, and mankind's subsequent efforts to reinvent written languages has given the modern world the mistaken impression that mankind never had a written language (and the technological progress made possible by literacy) prior to the invention of the post-flood written languages of cuneiform, hieroglyphics, pictographs, etc.

In the post-Babel period Noah and his family would have been deified as "gods" in the eyes of the rest of mankind since they alone preserved eye-witness accounts of the pre-flood world. In Noah's case, this certainly happened.

According to Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible, Noah became known as a "god" with the names of "Xisuthrus...Yao or FoHi...Prometheus, Deucalion, Atlas, Theuth, Inachus, Osiris, Dagon, etc."⁷⁶ That Noah would be known as "Atlas" is very appropriate. Many readers are familiar with the image of Atlas "carrying the world on his shoulders." When Noah built the Ark which preserved human and animal life on the earth, he literally was "carrying the world on his shoulders!"

The Roman "god," Janus, is likely another deified version of Noah. Janus was a god who had two faces (looking in different directions), was the god of "beginnings" (January, the "beginning" month of the year, is named in his honor), and was the keeper of "the keys."⁷⁷ Since Noah had literally been able to "look in two directions" in his life (backward into pre-flood society, and forward into post-flood society), this representation of Noah is understandable. Since Noah was the key figure in beginning the post-flood world, his identification with "beginnings" is also appropriate. The fact that he was the "keeper of the keys" was appropriate as he possessed key secrets in his memory concerning the pre-flood world which mystified post-flood mankind.

Since Noah and his family (possessing superior knowledge and incredible longevity) would all likely be deified in the post-flood world (and most of them were apparently "unconverted") it is likely that the ancient pantheons of lustful, warring, competitive "gods" were based on embellished legends about Noah's own family.

There is another common human legend which can be explained in a biblical context: the legend of "Atlantis," the fabled lost civilisation. Regarding Atlantis, Collier's Encyclopedia states:

"...because of the wickedness of its inhabitants, the island disappeared beneath the sea. Similar legends are told of other lands sinking beneath the waters..."⁷⁸

Atlantis is remembered in legends as a powerful, rich or mighty civilisation before it was destroyed. Legends of a mighty ancient civilisation which was destroyed by water because of its wickedness likely represent the pre-flood civilisation which truly was a mighty civilisation that was destroyed by water because of its wickedness! Legends of such a place are common among the earth's populations (the Encyclopaedia Britannica states that such a legend is "the subject of many sagas in many languages.")⁷⁹ The widespread nature of this legend shows that many nations retained the awareness of both the character and demise of pre-flood civilisation as they spread across the earth. Wherever mankind settled, they brought the legends of Noah, the Flood and the destroyed pre-flood world with them!

Periodic sightings of the remains of a huge vessel on Mt. Ararat also confirm the factual nature of the Bible's accounts about pre-flood society and what happened in the aftermath of the Flood. The discovery of the ark by Russian aviators, suppressed during the chaos of the Bolshevik revolution, was mentioned earlier. Another such sighting of the ark is detailed by Colliers' Encyclopedia:

"In November, 1948 the discovery of the remains of a petrified ship on the 11, 000 ft. level of Mount Ararat was reported from Istanbul, Turkey. Believing that this ship might be the original Noah's Ark, American and British archaeologists gained the consent of the Turkish government to explore the sight, but when Pravda, in Moscow, accused the proposed expedition of planning espionage, the Turkish consent was withdrawn."⁸⁰

Interestingly, both of the above discoveries of Noah's Ark were unconfirmed due to actions by the atheistic Soviet Union, which had a vested interest in suppressing a major confirmation of the Bible, the foundation book of western religion.

There are other proofs of the Flood as well. Anyone who has studied the earth's topography from an airplane can see the remains of huge ancient waterflows made when the floodwaters receded from the mountain ranges, cutting massive ravines and ancient river channels as they drained into lower floodplains. The immense size of these ancient features gives mute testimony to the fact that a worldwide deluge really occurred.

The strata of the Flood and pre-flood cities are mentioned in Halley's Bible Handbook. One example follows:

"At Ur, city of Abraham, the Joint Expedition of the University Museum of Pennsylvania and the British Museum...found, [in] 1929, near the bottom of the Ur mounds, underneath several strata of human occupation, a great bed of solid water-laid clay 8 ft thick without admixture of human relic, with yet the ruins of another city buried beneath it. Dr. Wooley [the expedition leader] said that 8 ft of sediment implied a very great depth and a long period of water, that it could not have been put there by any ordinary overflow of the rivers, but only by some such inundation as the biblical Flood. The civilisation underneath the flood layer was so different from that above that it indicated to Dr. Wooley 'a sudden and terrific break in the continuity of history.'"⁸¹

How much of the information cited in this booklet have you ever read in a history or archaeology text? Most likely you have read none of this information since modern textbooks

suppress (i.e. "censor") evidence and information supportive of the Bible in order that they may perpetuate the politically-correct myth of evolution.

Some might ask: "What about ancient stone-age cultures that have been unearthed?" There are several answers available. One response is that there is no indication that the entire pre-flood world was a high-tech world. Even today, in much of the world, it is common for "high-tech" societies to exist in close proximity to primitive societies. Even though men have walked on the moon, a large percentage of mankind has never driven an automobile! Even in our "high-tech" world, vast areas of China, Siberia, Africa and South America remain undeveloped. There is no reason to believe it was any different in the pre-flood world. By publicising only ancient "stone-age" finds, and ignoring the many ancient "high-tech" finds mentioned in Von Daniken's books, the false impression is given that only stone-age cultures existed in ancient times.

Also, virtually all "high-tech" artifacts would have been destroyed in the biblical Flood, obliterated by either wave actions or seismic activity. That is why the undamaged examples of ancient "high-tech" items likely survived the Flood in Noah's Ark! Also, even in post-flood sites, the lack of bronze and iron objects does not mean that societies did not possess them. Simple common sense tells us that stone artifacts have far greater resistance to weathering than do metal objects. Long after metallic objects had rusted away to nothing, stone objects and artifacts would remain.

Ancient metal artifacts were not built to last thousands of years in order to be found by archaeologists of future millennia, but simply to meet ancient needs in an affordable manner. That vast numbers of metallic objects rusted and deteriorated into powder over the millennia is obvious. The paucity of metallic artifacts from ancient times does not prove they never existed; it simply demonstrates that masonry and stone artifacts last a lot longer than objects made of corrodible metal.

For example, this author once found the top of a tar-bucket buried at a residential construction site while digging a garden. Even though it was buried for only two years, the metal object was so deteriorated that it was rusted completely through in many places. In a few more years, nothing would remain to prove it ever existed at all! Given the fact that metallic objects will rust and deteriorate when buried in the earth, one can only wonder how many billions of metal artifacts have faded into dust over the millennia.

The theory that mankind had a "stone age," followed gradually by a "bronze age" and an "iron age" is often used to support the dogma of evolution. Its tainted origin can be seen in these comments by Dr. Barry Fell in his book *Saga America*:

"In 1816 Thomsen [an appointee of the Danish king to analyse ancient artifacts] found himself confronted by a heterogeneous assemblage of miscellaneous objects of **metal and stone**, recovered from Danish soil and from ancient burial mounds, **totally without any order**. In the background stood an eager and impatient king demanding solutions to these mysteries...After pondering the matter for three years, Thomsen hit upon a purely practical expedient. He separated the collection into three lots: one group comprised artifacts made of stone, another those made of bronze or copper, and a third group comprising objects made of iron. Then, by consulting the oldest surviving writings from ancient times, such as the Iliad and the Odyssey (thought to date to about 800 B.C...), he found very little reference at all was made to iron, but a great many references to copper and bronze. **He inferred** from this that the...art of smelting iron ore, must have been a later discovery...**he reasoned** that stone would be utilized by primitive man long before he learned the art of working metals. In 1819 the collection was opened to the public...and the explanatory labels offered the suggestion that there had apparently been a Stone Age, followed by a Bronze Age, which in turn was

followed by an Iron Age..."⁸² (Emphasis added.)

Interesting! The whole "stone age...bronze age...iron age" theory began when a harried researcher improperly separated stone, copper, and iron artifacts, **which had been originally found together**, into three separate groups. Based on this improper separation, he fabricated a tale that there had been three such "ages" in man's history. His conclusion was obviously wrong because all three types of objects had been found together! Yet this deceitful theory, developed under time constraints and unsupported by evidence, has become dogmatized in modern evolutionary myths. There is another major omission in Thomsen's effort. He consulted "the oldest surviving writings" of only secular sources; he ignored biblical writings which clearly show iron objects were manufactured in vast numbers around 1000 B.C. during the time of King David (1 Chronicles 22:3-16). Indeed, 1 Chronicles 29:7 shows that iron objects gathered for the Jerusalem Temple outnumbered copper objects by a ratio of over 5-to-1! Iron objects are referenced during the time of Joshua around 1400 B.C. (Joshua 3:11, 6:19-24), and Genesis 4:22 mentions a metallurgy industry in both copper and iron ores in pre-flood society. The Bible clearly shows that ironworking is a skill which is almost as old as mankind itself!

The Bible is silent on what Noah did after the Flood. He lived for 350 years following the Deluge (Genesis 9:28), and his eye-witness accounts of pre-flood society were available to many generations. The Bible does not say whether he remained an active prophet of God or whether he "retired." Shem, his son, lived for 502 years after the Flood (Genesis 11:10-11). This longevity resulted in his being a contemporary of Abraham for 150 years!⁸³ In fact, he was still alive when Isaac married Rebekah! As late as the time of Abraham and Isaac, it was still possible to talk to a survivor of the pre-flood world!

The Bible is also silent regarding the activities of Shem after the Flood, but Genesis 9:26 shows that Shem followed Noah in serving God. Perhaps Shem was the source of pre-flood history who gave such information to Abraham, who transmitted it to later generations. The genealogies of Genesis from Adam through Abraham could also have been easily preserved in this manner.

Abraham's remarkable receptivity to promptly go where God directed indicates that he was already a righteous man who feared God (his was no random "man-on-the-street" calling). Abraham's willingness to quickly obey God's instructions may have resulted from personal conversations with Shem, especially since Abraham was Shem's direct descendant!

This booklet has demonstrated that our modern "high-tech" society is paralleling the "high-tech" accomplishments of pre-flood society, fulfilling Jesus Christ's prophecy that the world of the "latter day" generation would directly parallel Noah's pre-flood society. That pre-flood society apparently had a space program sufficiently advanced to carve human faces on Mars indicates that modern man is still "catching up" to the technology attained by pre-flood mankind! While this may be a blow to modern mankind's vanity, there is apparently no other conclusion which can be made. The hard evidence of ancient "high-tech" accomplishments also exposes evolution as a hoax since ancient "high-tech" accomplishments are impossible if mankind has been steadily (and inexplicably) ascending from a "primordial slime."

That God destroyed pre-flood society, and halted the post-flood effort to rebuild a "high-tech" society does not mean that God is against mankind's having sophisticated technology. God clearly gave mankind the right to use the earth's resources to build things for its own benefit (Genesis 1:28). Unfortunately, mankind has a tendency to apply technological advances in sinful and destructive ways, necessitating God's periodic intervention to keep mankind from destroying itself with its own knowledge.

While only Noah heeded God in pre-flood society, many Christians (in many church denominations) now recognize the significance of our modern times and do expect the return of Jesus Christ. However, the vast majority of people simply do not take God and the Bible seriously. Many will live long enough to regret that attitude.

In the modern world, mankind is again pooling its efforts and building a "high-tech" society as part of the "knowledge explosion" prophesied by Daniel 12:4. This prophecy stated that "knowledge shall be increased" in the "time of the end" (just prior to God's direct intervention in mankind's affairs). This prophecy sounds rather general until examined closer. The Hebrew word translated "increased" literally means "multiplied,"⁸⁴ and is the same word used to describe how the waters "increased" on the earth during Noah's Flood! In other words, Daniel's prophecy means that knowledge will be multiplied in the latter days even as the waters were multiplied to cover the whole earth during the time of Noah!

By combining Daniel's prophecy that the latter days would include an awesome increase in mankind's knowledge with Jesus' prophecy that the latter days would parallel Noah's pre-flood world, it is apparent that the Bible indicates Noah's pre-flood world experienced a "knowledge explosion" similar to our own. The many ancient "high-tech" artifacts documented and described by Von Daniken provide the evidence that this is exactly what the Bible meant.

God said mankind "could do anything it imagines" once it reaches a certain threshold of knowledge. We are likely well-beyond that threshold in modern society. Mankind went from "imagining" that he could fly and travel to the moon to doing both within one lifetime! Man now "imagines" having a "Star-Wars" missile defense system in outer space and travelling at the speed of light. While skeptics say "it can't be done," God's comment on mankind's innate abilities assures us that such achievements are only a finite number of years! However, biblical prophecies and timetables indicate that Jesus Christ will return long before mankind is travelling around outer space at "warp speed."

2 Timothy 3:7 prophesied that in the latter days, mankind would be "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." How accurate, indeed! So long as mankind insists on viewing history through the flawed prism of evolutionary myth, it will remain blinded to simple truths about the history (and future) of the earth that are openly revealed in the Bible.

Interestingly, President Bush repeatedly calls for manned exploration of Mars, even though a debt-strapped America cannot afford the expense of doing so. Have governments become more interested in exploring Mars because of the discovery of the Mars face? The Mars face has already affected NASA's budget hearings. In an article dealing with this subject, the Wall Street Journal reported on September 14, 1989 that Rep. Richard Roe, Chairman of the House Science and Space Committee urged NASA to photograph the region of the Mars face in a future unmanned mission to Mars. He did so at the urging of Richard Hoagland, a former NASA consultant, who regards the Mars face as "intelligently-manufactured alien ruins."⁸⁵ According to the Wall Street Journal, NASA "grudgingly" said it will photograph the Mars face area "if only to kill off the rumors," but added that it would insist on "small buildings, roads and dump sites...[as] clear evidence"⁸⁶ that the face was genuine.

Notice how NASA has determined in advance to "find nothing" on Mars, and that its "spin doctors" have decreed the human face on Mars isn't really a human face on Mars unless there are "small buildings, roads and dump sites" next to the giant sculpture. In other words, an intricately-carved human face with eyes, eyeballs, cheeks, chin and teeth won't officially "be there" unless NASA also discovers ancient construction debris at the site! Is an official "cover-up" already in the making? Unfortunately, most official and scientific sources

speculate that "outer-space aliens" must have built this face on Mars. As the reader now knows, biblical accounts indicate that any human face on Mars was built by humans who lived in a technologically advanced culture during the pre-flood time of Noah.

In Isaiah 25:7, Isaiah prophesied in a "millennial" context that God will someday remove the "veil that is spread over all nations." Today's politically-correct, evolutionary mythology is a large part of that veil that hides much truth from mankind. While the Bible indicates that this deceptive "veil" will continue to hide the truth from most of mankind until Jesus Christ returns, you (the reader) need not be deceived.

A day of reckoning is drawing near. The fact that our modern world is directly paralleling the technological accomplishments of pre-flood mankind confirms that we are living in the time when Jesus Christ's return is imminent, according to Jesus' own prophecy in Matthew 24:37. In Matthew 24:32-34, Jesus added that the generation which witnessed the fulfillment of his latter day prophecies would live to see his return. We are that generation.

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