

# COSMOLOGY

## SUPPLEMENT III

### THE CANOPIED EARTH

In two of our studies we consider this subject of the canopied earth, as it effects both. In Prophecy One, "outline studies in prophecy from now to eternity", we consider the prophecied canopy, and the effects that necessitate it. Here in cosmology it is the Historic canopy that the Genesis record demands to get the universal paradise at Creation and at the restoration. Consider the chart again of Creation, four canopies and six great topographical changes in earth's career, from creation to the New Creation. We have to mention many things from the creative as well as the prophetic Scriptures, comparing them, to deduce the fact of the canopy. I'm glad to see that Whitcomb and Morris in, "The Genesis Flood" and many more are now teaching the Canopy Theory. was pretty lonely back forty years ago. There were a few references then, but very sketchy.

Each time either the canopy was instituted or destroyed, there would have been great earthly catastrophies, upheavals, (as Velikovsky calls them in his two works, "Earth's in Upheaval" (Best), and, "World's in Collision", both a way out of context and wrong as an unbelieving scholar. But as the last indicates the cause is what he seems to part paths from the Bible on. He makes it all due to great planetary collisions, as does many others. He holds that the flood was tidal, caused by celestial of planets coming too close, and their gravitational pulls bringing the waters over the earth universally.

Others attribute the universal floods and ice ages to shifting of the earth's axis, some as much as 80 degrees. BUT FOR SUCH UNIVERSAL EFFECTS, THERE HAD TO BE A UNIVERSAL CATACLYSIM, THAT CHANGED THE WHOLE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE EARTH, such as the prophecied shaking of the heavens and the earth in the greatest

earthquake the world has ever had so far, (Rev. 16:17-20) taking place at the Revelation of Jesus to earth at the close of the Great Tribulation.

First Note: Without some kind of a canopy, the earth is not the perfectly ideal environment for man's habitation. Man finds a very small variation of only 30 or 40 degrees in temperature very uncomfortable, and only a little more impossible without artificial heating or cooling.

Man has a constant struggle to live upon the earth since the fall, with its extremes of variation in temperature in the seasons. He is subject to premature aging, disease, wearing out of his body, from birth to death the body is continually fighting the forces of death. Every cell in him dies every week to thirty days and must be replaced. And, for only a period of about 30 years, does he live more than he dies, from there on out it is all downhill, he dies more than he lives besides man's difficulty in providing enough food to live, fighting every hazard of drought and heat and freeze, and blight, insects, infertility, and even spoilage when he does get a good crop, blasting and mildew, man finds it a very hostile environment. Yet in EDEN this wasn't so. - .man needed no clothes against heat or cold, nor to earn his living by the sweat of his brow, to wrest a bare subsistence from starvation from the earth.

So prophecy promises it won't be so in the millennium. "The reaper shall catch up with the sower." Only now after Adam's fall and the curse put upon the ground, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake, (Gen. 3:17) was "the creation was made subject to vanity" (emptiness, non attainment) and the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption (decay) into the glorious liberty of the Sons of God, at the redemption of our bodies," (Rom. 8:19-21) and shows that it is in a groaning state of non-fulfillment, not as it came from the hand of its creator, "For we know that the whole creation, (Here is why the starry heavens are included and the planets) "The whole groaneth and travaileth in pain together, as we do waiting our adoption and the redemption of our bodies.

So man is face to face with a very hostile world, unfriendly in climate and provision. With

his life held in precarious balance, between heat and cold, sickness and health, feast and famine, accident and prosperity, life and death; until instead of the longevity, as before the flood, of almost 1000 years, Moses places man's life expectancy at a mere threescore and ten (70), and warns, even if that be increased, "by reason of strength by a mere 10 years, to 80, "yet is their strength labor and sorrow." (Ps 90:10) This indicates its very brevity is a blessing, since this environment is so hostile.

All nature bears witness to a change from the Scriptural picture of Eden as a God-planted Garden made for man. All nature bears abundant testimony that this present groaning creation is not the best God could provide for His creatures in His image, nor has provided, nor shall provide in the future. Because it has been "made subject to vanity," "groaning in pain," (Rom. 8:20-23) when it came from the creative fingers of God, it was "perfect in its time". So also, prophecy tells us when Jesus shall reign visibly, personally upon the regenerated earth in the "restitution of all things," "the desert shall blossom as the rose". So also, in eternity, after the millennium, in "the new heavens and the new earth," when He shall have "made all things new." "There shall be no more curse, and no more night there, and all former things are done away" (Rev. 21-22) And nothing shall hurt or destroy in all God's Holy Mountain. BUT NOW, instead of man being nature's lord, he is its slave, subject to all its fluctuations, diseases, accidents, and vanities, feeling its unfulfillment.

What we wish to discern is what makes the difference, even before the flood and after the flood. Between the "very good" of God's verdict in the pre-Noahic creations, and the post-flood earth.

Even over and beyond the curse of Gen. 3, there is a vast physical difference in the earth itself from before the flood and after, making great portions of it unfit for human habitation, and almost all of it uncomfortable for human life. We shall see following the prophesied canopy in Christ's millennial earth, and postulating that same canopy back upon the recreated earth of Adam's day, we get a good idea of how the canopy gave the earth just the right hot-house environment to make the climate, fertility, and environment just right, "very good", extending to the FLOOD.

Five of our planets of the 9 in our solar system already have canopies, and now they say the venus probe is proving that at least two or more also have some kind of canopies, as Venus enshrouded in a misty fiery cloud. The most illustrious is Saturn and its famous rings.

Even the earth right now has several canopies:

1. Starting with the immediate atmosphere, and its various gases stretching out for a distance of 1500 miles, and it is in various layers of canopies according to the specific elementary weights or gravities.

2. In the stratosphere starting some 15 miles from the earth, are some lighter gases, in various layers. The most interesting, and the absolutely necessary one to sustain life on the earth, is the OZONE layer. If it were a little thicker we would all die of rickets. If a little lighter, all would die of radiation poison. Ozone is a lighter oxygen than on earth, having 3 atoms instead of the two of our atmosphere. It starts, now they know, about 15 miles out and extends 60 to 100,000 feet out, with the maximum at 78,000 ft.

(Remember they are now worried that two of our modern inventions may be thinning it out and endangering life on the earth. All the rockets and missiles, and space craft rocketing through it, disrupting it with turbulence and mixing gasses, and the freon of all the cans, from refrigeration, neon light bulbs breaking, all the freon being of the same lightness as the Ozone, rises into that layer and thins it.

3. Van Allen belt, called so because of the discovery by Van Allen, a belt of very high radio active particles forming a canopy around the earth, 600 to 700 miles out, with radio particles 1000 times more active than any here on earth, extending outward 8000 miles, no doubt intercepting many harmful radio active rays bombarding the earth.

4. But there is another canopy protecting the earth. It is the earth's great magnetic field, surrounding the earth and shielding it, shooting out very powerful mysterious gravitational radiation as a great magnetic canopy. They will probably discover more.

5. But the Bible teaches that there has been another, and shall yet have it again. An ice crystal canopy at no doubt a high altitude of maybe a thousand miles or more above the earth, and completely surrounding it enveloping it in its hot-house envelope; above the earth's atmosphere, held there like the present envelopes, by centripetal and centrifugal forces (as our stationary satellites).

Gen. 1:6,7, "And God said, let there be a firmament ("clear expanse", Roth.) and let it be a means of dividing, between waters and waters. And God made the expanse, and it divided between the waters that were under the expanse and the waters that were above the expanse. And God called the expanse "heavens." Cf. vs. 20 "And fowl that may fly in the open firmament of heaven." They couldn't fly in a crystal dome??

This is the clear crystal canopy up above the stratosphere, and just the right height and thickness to give the hothouse effectiveness universally upon the earth that the Genesis record shows and all responsible geology affirms. This canopy was not broken up until the flood. (Later) Now look at a number of statements here in Gen. that proves it.

(1) No rain until the flood. Gen. 2:5-6

"And these are the generations of the heavens and of the earth" (10 times in Genesis. Ten records called "Book of the Generations", as 5:1) "when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens." "And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew (Before it sprung up, it was written in God's Book of its Generation) FOR THE LORD GOD HAD NOT CAUSED IT TO RAIN UPON THE EARTH, AND THERE WAS NOT A MAN TO TILL THE GROUND. BUT THERE WENT UP A MIST FROM THE EARTH, AND WATERED THE WHOLE FACE OF THE GROUND."

(2) This is why there was no rainbow until after the flood, for there was no rain.

(3) So there would be no wind, no thermal drafts, no storms, no hurricanes, no conflicting fronts of weather, high and low

pressure causing conflict and cyclones.

(4) So no seasons, and no wind (8:1,22). "GOD MADE A WIND TO PASS OVER THE EARTH" (After the flood) and in vs. 22, something new, "While the earth remaineth seed-time and harvest, and COLD AND HEAT, SUMMER AND WINTER, AND DAY AND NIGHT SHALL NOT CEASE." (For 6000 years) But, God is going to change the order one of these days, in the millennial reign of Jesus Christ.

(5) None were carnivorous, both man and beast, until after the flood. We shall see why under longevity, (1:29, "And God said, Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth (I doubt if there were any poison herbs at all before the flood) and every tree in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." (Food. (R) As in the millennium, when "The lion shall eat straw like the ox") The amino acids to rebuild the wasted cells needed now were not needed under the canopy.

(6) Longevity. Almost one of God's days. "One day is with the Lord as a 1000 years, and 1000 years as one day." (2 Pet. 3:8) Most lived to be almost 1000 years of age. Methuselah, the longest recorded, 969 years. The canopy filtered out the actinic rays of the sun that prematurely ages the body cells, as the direct rays of the sun ages the skin. Without a good supply of these amino acids, death comes earlier in life.

(7) But these actinic rays also ferment at a very much greater rate, as can be seen in Noah's grape juice. God didn't condemn Noah for making intoxicating wine. He had done this all his life and never gotten drunk until after the flood. But now when he made it as usual, it fermented and got him drunk. (Gen. 9:20-21)

(8) Universal climate from pole to pole. All geology recognizes this fact, but rejecting the Bible's explanation, they come up with as many theories as Scientists, and change them as often as the weather.

For instance:

(1) Meteorite or planet collision, as Velikovsky and many more.

(2) Either that or some other interference shifting the earth on its axis, to put the artic on the equator.

(3) Rising and falling of seacoasts.

(4) Shifting of gulf stream.

(5) Drifting of the continents.

(6) Hot earth cooling.

(7) Increase of carbonic acid

(8) Heating up of sun.

(9) Changing of earth's orbit around the sun, etc. But that the earth once enjoyed an Edenic climate over all its surface is abundantly testified to by all the facts of geology. Geology abundantly testifies to the fact of a universal climate and Edenic-like condition on the earth at some remote time in the past.

Prof. J.D. Dana, a leading American Geologist of the last century, in his book "Manual of Geology", p 136, "Nothing at the present day can convey to us the idea of the prodigious and immense extent of the never changing verdure which clothed the earth from pole to pole." P 150, "This terrestrial period is characterized in a remarkable manner by the abundance and strangeness of the vegetation which then covered the islands and continents of the whole globe. Upon all points of this earth this flora presented a striking uniformity."

Dr. Louis Fiquier, in his book "The World Before the Deluge," a member of the Royal Society of Geologists of Great Briain, P 133, "What we now call climate was unknown in these geological times. There seems to have been only one climate over the whole globe," and, "It is a remarkable circumstance that conditions of equable and warm climate, combined with humidity, do not seem to have been limited to any one part of the globe, but the temperature of the whole globe seems to have been nearly the same in every different latitude. From the equatorial regions to the artic ocean, where in our day eternal frost prevails, from Spitsbergen to the center of Africa, the carboniferous flora is identically the same. When nearly the same plants are found in Greenland or Guinea, when the same species are met with equal development at the equator as at the pole, we cannot but admit that at this epoch, the temperature of the globe was

nearly alike everywhere. What we call climate was unknown in the geological times" P 417, "It is probable that from pole to pole, from the equator to the extremities of its axis, the earth must have formed a vast and boundless prairie and such an abundant pasturage was absolutely necessary to sustain such prodigious numbers of herbivorous animals of such great size."

Dr. George McReady Price, Prof. of Geology at Union College in Nebraska (Seventh Day Adventist) in his "The New Geology," P 652, "There is but one climate known to the ancient fossil world, as revealed by the plants and animals entombed in the rocks, and that climate was a mantle of spring-like loveliness which seemed to have prevailed continuously over the HOLE OF THE GLOBE. Just how the world could have been thus warmed all over may be a matter of conjecture; that it was so warmed effectively and continuously is a matter of fact." He adds some facts P 657, "The great general fact is that we have a whole fossil world on our hands, buried by moving water and this is the one prime and essential fact with which we have to deal in interpreting the long past history of our globe."

Dr. Luis Figuier again, Ibid. P 435, "The northern and central parts of Europe, the vast countries which extend from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean and the Danube, were visited by a period of sudden and severe cold, the temperature of the polar regions seized them. The plains of Europe were ornamented by the luxurious vegetation developed by the heat of a burning climate, the boundless pastures on which great herds of great elephants, the active horse, the robust hippopotimus, the great carnivorous animals, grazed and roamed. All became covered with a mantle of ice and snow. To what cause are we to attribute a phenomenon so unforeseen and exercising itself with such intensity? In the present state of our knowledge, no certain explanation of the event can be given." Then he gives the planetary explanation.

So, Dr. George Cuvier, in his book, "Fossil Bones", "The fossils tell us with certainty that the globe has not always had the same ENVELOPE," interesting, that is but another word for "CANOPY".

A prominent evolutionist, Ray Ethan Torrey, in his book on "Botany", P 61, "We know that in the crustaceous period ETERNAL SUMMER REIGNED OVER THE WHOLE EARTH. In Greenland and Alaska and even within a few degrees of the North Pole itself, a rich forest flora covered the lands and spread southward to Graham Land near the South Pole, and more remarkable still, palms, breadfruits, figs and other tropical trees grew intermingled with pines, oaks, beech & willows. There was no winter and no real seasons, and what brought on the Ice Age, we do not know." I do - he would too, if he started with the Bible.

In the National Geographic Magazine for Oct. `69, for the International Geophysical year of `69, the magazine gave the article by Rear Admiral George J. Dufek, on the exploration of Antarctica. (South Polar region) Very interesting reading, but our interest now is on what they found; coal, within 200 miles of the South Pole. And within 300 miles, petrified wood, and fossilized leaves of tropical vegetation. Coral, (that can only grow in real tropical waters) Palms, huge ferns, araucaria, a tall majestic evergreen that now grows only in tropical Brazil, Chile, and the South Sea Islands, all bearing witness to a tropical verdant coverage some time in the past. P 540

The very same story is true of the North Polar regions. Unlike the South Pole, the North Pole is in the Arctic Ocean, all covered with water, as our nuclear submarine, Nautilus, proved by cruising under the Ice Pack at the pole. (Also in National Geographic) But the South Pole is landmass, and covered with an icecap up to three miles thick. But the vast coal deposits of the earth are not where you would expect them to be, in the temperate and tropical regions of the earth, but in the Northern Antarctic and Arctic zones of earth, some of the best are in the Arctic Circle, as are the latest oil finds; north slope of Alaska, in Canada, Spitzbergen and northern Great Britain. All show vast forests covering the Arctic Circle.

The whole science of paleontology, the study of remains of past living organisms, plant and animals, gives witness to a universal climate from pole to pole. The presence of tropical and even giant fossils from the South Pole to the North Pole give witness to a

universal climate.

Figuier, Ibid P 133, "From Spitzbergen in the Arctic Circle to the center of Africa, the carboniferous flora is identically the same." But the finding of vast remains of tropical animals, preserved in fossil forms within the Arctic Circle and all over the earth, testify to one climate. Parts of Siberia are one vast graveyard of the ancient Elephant, the Mammoth. (There were four families of elephants, (1) Mastadon, (2) Mammoth, (3) Dinotherium, one of the largest of the land mammals) and Modern Elephant.

The Mastadon and Mammoth both lived before the flood in the time of man. North American Indians painted their figures in caves, and the bones of the Mammoth and humans and implements buried together in central Europe, (but never of the dinotherium) or of any of the real Dinosaur (Terrible lizard) growing up to 100 feet long.) First record of the finding of Mastadon bones, in 1705 in Albany, N weighed 16 Lbs. The animals were 18 to 20 ft. tall. But the greatest find was in Siberia, in fact, found almost everywhere except in Africa where elephants live, and where we would expect to find them.

Most of the ivory used in China for carvings, (I have seen some of the most beautiful, most intricate, and done for centuries) came from Siberia, and the islands off Siberia. Most of them were from Mammoth tusks. Within the Arctic Circle lie a number of islands Laikar, Stolborai, Neikor, etc., called "The Ivory Islands," for they are made up almost entirely of ice, sand and skeletons of Mammoth's bones, of the horse, great lions and Rhinoceros. One of the most famous was the Mammoth found in 1901, in a kneeling position when they dug it out. The top of the head was gnawed out and sticking out of the ice, and the wolves had eaten the top off. It was in the bank of the Bevesorka River, in No. Siberia; two foot long hair, meat perfectly preserved and marbled with fat, on the tongue and between the teeth and in the stomach, perfectly preserved portions of last meal before freezing. Not even time to swallow, delicate sedges, grasses, even buttercups.

Prof. D. Gath Witby says of the Ivory Island, "Such was the enormous quantity of'

Mammoth remains that it seemed the whole island was actually composed of the bones and tusks of elephants, cemented by icy sand. The soil of these desolate islands is absolutely packed full of the bones of elephants and rhinoseros in astonishing numbers."

Again, Prof. Daha, "The incasing in ice of huge elephants and the perfect preservation of their flesh shows the cold finally became suddenly extreme as of a single winter's night, and knew no relenting afterwards;" suddenly, for no predator nor decay marred them. The great family of the dinosuria must have lived on the earth before Adam and the recreation of the earth for man. There is never the finding of their bones with human artifacts or remains. They range in size from a few inches to over 100 ft. in length, and over 100 tons. The vegetarian would eat up to 3000 lbs. of vegetation a day, signifying, when they are found abundantly in remains in Canada, it must have been there, a tropical paradise of abundant vegetation. Biggest find yet, and the largest sizes, just in these last years, starting in 1971, in Dry Nesa, dubbed Super Saurus, one was a fifth larger than the largest yet discovered, standing 50 ft. high, and 100 tons, Herbiverous. Man has wondered where and how they could find enough to eat. They would starve to death in modern swamps. But the greatest find has been in the Red Deer River valley in Alberta, Canada, near the city of Drumhiller. (300 to 400 feet below ground, with fossilized flora of abundant growth.)

Dr. W C. Mathew, in "The New Geology", P 533, "The cutting off of this giant dinosaur dynasty was nearly, if not quite simultaneous, the world over." "They didn't die naturally as now on earth, and the flesh consumed, and the bones dissolved into nothingness." Bones on the surface do not fossilize, but ossify. (Show in class some fossilized bones and wood)

Give a running commentary on the flood, from Genesis 6:13, "I WILL DESTROY THEM WITH THE EARTH" speaks of great cataclysmic changes in the earth. The universality of the flood is certainly well attested in geology, human tradition, as well as in Scripture. Gen. 6:17, "And behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy ALL flesh, wherein is the breath of life (NOT FISH) FROM UNDER HEAVEN, and

EVERYTHING THAT IS IN THE EARTH SHALL DIE" as in verse 4, "(R)" "I am sending rain on the earth..., so will I wipe out all the living things (Breath of life of 6:17) which I have made from off the face of the ground." If that is not a universal flood over all the earth, language is useless.

Now the prime text - 7:11 from 10, "That the waters of the flood were upon the earth" (This word for flood is only used of the Noahic flood and one time in the Ps. 29:10, "(R)" "Yahweh at the flood was seated (enthroned), and Yahweh hath taken His throne unto times age abiding". This was the INSTITUTION OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT, AND GOD'S MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM. It started at the flood. Vs. 11, "THE SAME DAY WERE ALL THE FOUNTAINS OF THE GREAT DEEP BROKEN UP, AND THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN WERE OPENED UP."

God records four ways in which He brought the great worldwide flood.

(1) All the fountains of the great deep were BROKEN UP, bringing from underneath cataclysmic geological convulsions of water, ALL worldwide. "BROKEN UP" is a very strong word - the sudden cleaving, used of an earthquake, as it is used in Num. 16:31 of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, "And the ground cleaved asunder that was under them, and the earth opened her mouth (further explanation of the "cleaved") and swallowed them up, and their houses and all that appertained unto Korah, and their goods, ALIVE INTO THE PIT (Deep, same word as Gen. 1:2;7:11). It shows in the same language, what happened at the flood. The very deepest reservoirs of water under the earth, convulsed onto the surface. Used in Zech. 14:4 of the greatest earthquake at the close of the Tribulation, to CLEAVE the Mt. of Olives. No doubt of the same cataclysm in Hab. 3:9, same word and waters, "Thou didn't cleave the earth with rivers," or better, "Didst cleave the earth with rivers Cataclysmically." As in Gen. 8:2, A.V., "THE FOUNTAINS ALSO OF THE DEEP AND THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN WERE STOPPED AND THE RAIN FROM HEAVEN WAS RESTRAINED AND THE WATERS RETURNED OFF THE EARTH CONTINUALLY, (Heb. R) "Went on returning." i.e., Until the 150 days, continual action of water, going and coming, convulsive action of going and coming is the Heb. "Going and returning." It indicates the barrier God placed upon the waters dividing land

and sea was reversed. Most ignore this aspect of the flood when arguing, "There just isn't enough water to cover the earth." This "faulting" of the great deep, explains the burying under miles of earth, the reversing of great strata, geological convulsions.

(2) "THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN WERE OPENED."

This was the breaking up of the canopy placed in the highest stratosphere in Gen. 1, "THE WATERS THAT WERE ABOVE THE FIRMAMENT". Hab. 3:10 gives three cataclysmic reasons why the flood could cover the whole earth; downpour, upheaval of depths, and lowering of mountains.

(R) "With rivers thou dost cleave open the land, the mountains have seen thee, they tremble. A downpour of waters have passed along, the roaring deep hath given forth his voice." In the context of judgment and wrath, Rain, here in Gen. 7, is of "Great rain," downpour, cloudburst, down rushing of water. As Fenton translates it, "On that day the depths of the great ocean were HEAVED UP, and the BELTS IN THE HEAVENS WERE BROKEN, AND THERE WAS A DOWN RUSH ON THE EARTH FOR FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS." Even the modernistic Jerusalem Bible has to translate it, "That very day all the springs of the great deep broke through, and the sluices of heaven opened." This was no summer freshet, nor even just great rain for 40 days and nights, but the precipitation of the canopy to the earth. In fact, THERE IS MORE MYSTERY AS TO WHERE IT ALL WENT AFTER THE FLOOD than WHERE IT CAME FROM. The earth is three fourths covered with water anyhow.

(3) Along with this, besides the torrents from the sky, that was 150 days of incessant rain, worldwide. Like Job 37:6, "The small rain and the great rain" (Elihu's idea.) We confuse the 40 days rain, as all there was, but 8:3 there was no cessation until the 150th day. (R) "The waters decrease at the end of 150 days." It had increased all the time before.

(4) The tidal actions of the flooding as in 7:17, "And the flood was forty days upon the earth, (this down pouring) (But) and the waters increased, Vs. 19, "Increased greatly and prevailed, to cover all the high mountains. Verse 24, "Thus prevailed upon the earth

an hundred and fifty days" but forty more days before sent out the raven, didn't return. Over 8 months before land appeared and the dove could find a resting place. It was exactly a year our time, 365 days before the ark opened.

The ocean floor was broken up; all the subterranean water, all the "Fountains of the deepest parts of the earth, spewed forth as the sea floor raised, probably destroying the earth" (Destroying, not annihilation, but as we use destruction, "ruining it as to its original intention," great geological changes in the flood, the catapulting of the water canopy to the earth, and the squeezing out of the moisture in the atmosphere upon the earth.

But one more thought in closing this section, WHERE DID ALL THE WATER GO? after the flood. (Remember even if we had no natural answer, I still would believe it since God tells us of it). But, there are indications the clearing of the oceans depths would be healed to let the water back down, and maybe even lowered more. But in fact, the ocean is

anywhere from 600 to 1000 or more feet higher now than it was at one time. This shakes up the geologist also. They all say at least 30% higher, more water now in the ocean. The continental shelf proves it. All kinds of mammal bones and teeth on it to the very edge. Better, the Hudson River at the mouth, shows a deep river cut gorge to the very edge of the continental shelf. It had to have been carved out by the running water of the Hudson River, while it, the shelf, was out from under the sea. The river cut canyon, extends 120 miles out to the edge of the continental shelf, and then down the side of the gorge another few hundred feet; down almost 2000 feet. This was all washed out by running water above ground and sea.

On the edge of the Canary Islands, over 1000 feet down, they have found a ruins of a civilization, and sea shores, washed by sea waves. The great Barrier Reef is another proof of the raising of the ocean's level at some time in the past, by at least 1000 feet, or 30% more now. It covers some 80,000 square miles, is 1250 miles long, all along the Australian Queensland coast to New Quinea. It is composed of Coral Polyps, as they form their home, only in salt water to the depth penetrated by sunlight and in warm

water; only in shallow water, never over 180 feet. Yet in many places the Great Barrier Reef arises from the floor of the sea over 1000 feet. Since no one else offered an explanation, Charles Darwin tried his hand, using his uninformative voodooism in 1831, "The gradual subsistence of the coastline under water, and as the coast subsided, the Coral built a little higher." He called it a freak coincidence. (Darwin has as many of these as he has solutions to his problems of evolution, reconciling them with facts) "The coast subsided exactly at the same speed as the coral built up their home for 50 million years, but of course it isn't working now, either the coast falling or the coral rising. All evolutionary forces stopped years and millenniums ago. They only worked in the hazy remote geological ages where no one could see them, with built in shutters and stoppers to fit the evolutionists guesses. Like punctuated equilibrium "undiscovered pockets" of sudden jumps in trans migration of the species.

One more thought, though we could give the evident thought that under the direct rays of the sun, there would be a lot more moisture suspended in the atmosphere than under the canopy. But the tremendous amount of water in the ice caps and frozen at the poles, ice at the South Pole, estimated as much as one tenth of the earth is under ice. National Geographic Magazine, Nov. 1976, 90% of all the fresh water on earth is in the ice cap at the South Pole, 6 million cubic miles, most of it 2 to 2 1/2 miles thick, MILES THAT IS, 10 to 12,000 feet. Where did all that fresh water come from? Couldn't be snow or rain; wrong kind of ice. There have been various estimates, if ice melted from South Pole, oceans come up from 200 to 500 ft., make a mess of Florida. In prophecy class, as God tells how he will recanopy the earth, you can see much of "the how" here, as in Ps. 104:1-9, in the original creation, so at the flood.

But there is one text, which I wish to conclude our study of God's ways. There is a very precious portion in Job 26. Job recites the wonders of God's creative power, vs. 7 - "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place and hangeth the earth upon nothing." Vs. 13, "By His Spirit He hath garnished the heavens, (R) "arched", so canopied) the heavens."

Now the precious text,

"LO, THESE ARE BUT THE FRINGES OF HIS WAYS, AND WHAT A WHISPER OF A WORD HATH BEEN HEARD OF HIM, BUT THE THUNDER OF HIS MIGHT WHO COULD UNDERSTAND." All of God's creative power displayed is but a whisper of His Word. But of the THUNDER OF HIS POWER, WHO CAN UNDERSTAND. But Hallelujah, He breaks His eternal almighty stride, to walk with me. Grace, infinite Grace, that the almighty creator God chooses to walk, yea, even more mysteriously, to live in me, as His eternal habitation (Eph. 2).