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THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Earth Before Sun



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For instance, an example of stellar evolution would be that the Sun was formed before the Earth. The Sun is thought to be the product of repeated coagulations of material in the universe, followed by nuclear fusion, and, eventually, explosion by novae. Deep-time astrophysicists suggest that the Earth came about by gravity eventually joining lots of small particles together in a planet-sized conglomerate.

The Bible gives a different order. It states that the Earth was created on the first day of the Creation Week, along with the material of the rest of the universe and light. We're referring to the material of the rest of the universe because the Earth was created formless and void. God began to give structure to this Earth on the second and third day of the Creation Week. However, He did not create the Sun, Moon and stars until the fourth day.

Strict evolutionists also correctly see this disconnect, but use it to argue that the biblical account is wrong. We trust God to have told us the truth in His word. God's order of creation is at heart an issue of the authority of the Bible.

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