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We miss a great deal when we skip quickly through the historical account of creation, given to us in Genesis 1. And it is indeed a historical account, an eyewitness account related by the only eyewitness to the event possible – the Creator God Himself.

On the third day of the creation week, in Genesis 1:9, we read: "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so."

If the waters were gathered into one place, this would suggest that there was only one ocean in the world that God created. If this seems a little odd to us, we should remember that it is only our western-centered view of the world that suggests a globe covered in land. In fact, even today, the Pacific Ocean covers just about half of the world's surface. So it is not too large a stretch to imagine a world with only one ocean, and hence, only one major continent. This pre-Flood giant continent, usually labeled Rodinia, is accepted by most secular and biblical geologists, differing only in timescale. The continent would have been broken by the volcanic and seismic events suggested by the term "Fountains of the Deep" at the beginning of the Flood.

Reflecting on the violence of the break-up of Rodinia during the Flood, we are reminded again that the two pivotal events of geological history are the Creation and the Flood, without which geology does not adequately explain the world.


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