

When we look at the account of Genesis. The account in Genesis starts with a mass of matter that is not in organized condition. The earth is without the face of form and void, and the darkness was on the deep. It does not give much detail except that it clearly shows that the description described in verse two is not of the earth with established mountains and rivers system and agriculture going on and animals and vegetable flourishing on it. It is comparatively chaotic situation.

There are some who say that the earth was in a complete condition first, and then through a ~~cos~~ catastrophe it fell into the condition described in verse two. Regarding this we can only say that the Bible does not ~~say~~ make any such statement anywhere, nor does it deny it. I see no way ~~in~~ in which we can ~~be~~ dogmatically declare that such a thing did not occur. Satan certainly fell before the time of temptation in the garden of Eden. But whether he fell on this particular planet ~~is not told~~ we are not told in the Scripture. All we know is that at a certain time after the events of verse one the earth was in chaotic condition, and God began to form this earth into something that would be a habitation for man. So we find that He caused that there should be light on this earth. This ~~did~~ does not say that if there had not been light previously in the universe. The explanation that I just read ~~which~~ would suggests that this earth was surrounded by such dense ~~shades of darkness~~ clouds that no light could penetrate through it. Another theory, the one advanced by Fred Hoyle ~~recently~~ affirms ~~says~~ that there was a great cloud of stellar, solar dust which was shot out from the sun which eventually coagulated into the various planets. According to that theory, this great amount of solar dust surrounding the earth have resulted in being ~~shot~~ shut from off all the lights. In either event, what is described as ~~the first state~~ a first stage fits with what would have been