The Attackers: Twenty Principles on the Sequence of Events from Creation, to Present Day, & Beyond: Documents Multiple Catastrophes as Opposed to Uniformity; Peter Refutes Uniformitarianism, 2 Pet 3:3—7; Naturalism's Absence of Cause in Explaining the "All Things" of Col 1:16; Worship of "Created Things" Rather than the "Creator," Rom 1:18—25

- 14. From all of this we are able to reconstruct the sequence of events that transpired from the act of creation to the present day and beyond:
 - (1) The universe and planet earth were created ex nihilo, up and running, in status quo perfection. Cataclysm #1. (Genesis 1:1 and Colossians 1:16–17 cp. Isaiah 45:18)
 - (2) The angels cheered at the creation of the universe. (Job 38:4–7)
 - (3) The cherub-rank angel, Lucifer, was the commanding general of the angelic armies. (Ezekiel 28:14–15)
 - (4) When someone without capacity is given authority they become arrogant. This is exactly what happened to Lucifer who rebelled against God and led an angelic rebellion. (Isaiah 14:12–14)
 - (5) This led to Lucifer appearing before the judgment bar of God where he served as his own defense attorney, indicated by the Hebrew שְׁטֶׁן (sathan), translated "Satan" which means "accuser" or "adversary." (Job 1:6–12; 2:1–7)
 - (6) The fall of Lucifer and the fallen angels led to the divine decision to put the earth into a state of cosmic suspended animation: *tohu wabohu*. Cataclysm #2. (Genesis 1:2 cp. Isaiah 45:18)

- (7) Lucifer was judged and pronounced guilty on all charges. He and the rebel angels were sentenced to the lake of fire. (Matthew 25:41)
- (8) It may be concluded that Lucifer asked for an appeal trial since the sentence was pronounced prior to mankind's earthly history but will not carried out until the end of mankind's earthly history. (Revelation 20:10)
- (9) To set up a courtroom for the appeal trial, the Holy Spirit provided the necessary heat to remove the earth from its cosmic suspended animation after which the earth was restored to the pristine perfection of its original status in Genesis 1:1. (Genesis 1:3–31)
- (10) The restoration was a six-day period during which several cataclysmic events occurred. On the sixth day was the creation of the human race to resolve the angelic conflict. (Genesis 1:26–27)
- (11) Man was created lower than the angels with one exception: the provision of free will with which the man and the woman would be tested for loyalty to truth. (Genesis 2:16–17)
- (12) When man sinned and fell, it resulted in the fall of the creation itself, yet another cataclysmic event. (Genesis 3:17*b*–18*a*)
- (13) The final cataclysmic event that contributed to forming the earth in its present state was the universal flood during which the Nephilim were drowned and Noah and his family were delivered by means of the ark. (Genesis 7:1–8:14)

- (14) The landscape that includes the mountains, valleys, fields, deserts, oceans, rivers, and lakes were the final result of numerous cataclysmic events that began in Genesis 1:1 and culminated at Genesis 8:14.
- (15) The earth is replete with fossil records of the beasts that were victims of some of these global catastrophes. However, there is no report of any transformational species that would allegedly support the Darwinian conclusion concerning the evolution of Homo sapiens.
- (16) The uniformitarian position contends that over a period of 4.54 million years, the uniform function of nature over this long period allowed for the evolution of all living things down to the emergence of man.
- (17) Peter refutes the uniformitarian position with his testimony in:
- **2 Peter 3:3** Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with mockery, following after their own lusts.
- v. 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation [uniformitarianism]."
- v. 5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens [antediluvian atmosphere] existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water [water was primarily subterranean before the flood],
- v. 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water [Noahic flood].

- v. 7 But by His word the <u>present heavens and earth</u> [post Genesis 8:14] are being <u>reserved for fire</u> [omnipotence of Christ sustains the earth's status quo], kept for the <u>day of judgment</u> [destruction of the universe at the end of the Millennium, 2 Peter 3:10–12] and destruction of <u>ungodly men</u> [unbelievers].
 - (18) The promise that hydrodynamic cataclysmic events are over is documented by the Noahic Covenant. (Genesis 9:14–17)
 - (19) However, the earth will remain in a fallen state until it is restored to the pristine perfection of Eden during the millennial kingdom. (Romans 8:18–23)
 - (20) The final cataclysmic event will be the destruction of the universe and the creation of the new universe and new earth. (2 Peter 3:10–13)
- 15. This summary clearly demonstrates that the Bible presents precise details in favor of catastrophism as opposed to uniformitarianism.
- 16. These twenty principles contain clear evidence of divine creative and restorative acts that supernaturally structured the earth for habitation by angels and the human race.
- 17. When God is removed as the ultimate Source for "all things" then the question of origins must be addressed. With regard to the creation of the universe the principle of cause and effect is replaced by naturalism, "a doctrine that scientific laws are adequate to account for all phenomena."
- 18. This, according to those who subscribe to the big bang theory, is sufficient to account for all phenomena post the first 10⁻⁴³ second. That would be the "effect."

- 19. There is no discussion on the "cause" which occurred before the first 10-43 second. That would require a force outside the creation as the catalyst and they can't go there without becoming theologians.
- 20. With regard to the origin of the species the Darwinists subscribe to the theory of evolution which also asserts that scientific laws account for all phenomena regarding life in general.
- 21. Whenever God is removed from either of these discussions then the "cause" of all phenomena is scientific laws which are found naturally in the creation.
- 22. Therefore, if life emanated and then evolved from a "cause" initiated by the creation itself then ultimately the creation will become that which is worshipped.
- 23. Paul addressed the ultimate conclusion regarding those who subscribe to these assumptions in the first chapter of Romans:
- **Romans 1:18** The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
- v. 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them [God consciousness]; for God made it evident to them.
- **v. 20** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.
- v. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Christ as God [at gospel hearing] or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations [religion], and their foolish heart was darkened.
- v. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

- v. 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures [idolatry].
- v. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them [phallic reversionism].
- v. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the created things [the ultimate in idolatry is the worship of the earth, i.e., naturalism] rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
- 24. The worship of the earth has reached a level of subtlety in the twenty-first century. The progression to its current state was encouraged by the Darwinian concept of "natural selection":