

time periods or days of creation. Both the periods of land formation and the first vegetation coincide in time, both in Genesis and in scientific history. The same may also be said for the appearance of land animals followed by man.

The ages or eras of creation in the Genesis record appear to be in harmony with scientific history. From a scientific viewpoint, each era of creation is a necessary precedent to the following one. Each era forms a solid foundation upon which to build the following one. The biblical ages of creation are not only in logical developmental order, they are in the order confirmed by actual scientific history.

It is only recently that scientists have been able to place all the major events in the Earth's history in sequential order. It was only in the mid-1800s that scientists first discovered that animal life in the oceans began before animal life on the land. It is only within the last twenty-five years that scientists have affirmed that the Universe began with light and that seas appeared before continents.

Not only is there harmony between Genesis 1 and science as to the sequence of creation events, but those of us who have at times questioned God's Word must understand that the written biblical account predates the modern scientific account by more than 3500 years.

**2. *All major explosive adaptive radiations correlate with Scripture's creation commands.*** One major modification has been made in Darwin's theory of evolution. The fossil evidence accumulated over the last one hundred years has shown that the development of life did not progress in the gradual uniform way that Darwin envisioned. Instead, the evidence has shown that various forms of life have remained basically the same for very long periods of geologic time. Then in very short spurts of geologic time dramatic changes and transformations have taken place. The term *punctuated equilibrium* is used to describe this giant stairstep view of the history of life. These rapid evolutionary bursts are called "explosive adaptive radiations."

The fact is, all major explosive adaptive radiations occur at the same points in scientific history that there is a creation command in Genesis! Furthermore, all the major dramatic transformations in life forms not only occur at the same point, but also in substantially the same way as the creation steps in Genesis. "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures" is a good example. It describes what science textbooks call the Cambrian explosion of marine life.

The concept of punctuated equilibrium has brought scientific thinking much closer to the unchanging biblical pattern. The major point of disagreement between science and Genesis is no longer the