

the very least, one is drawn to the conclusion that there is no conflict between the evidence provided by modern science and Genesis 1.

The question then arises: How did Moses, the author of Genesis, know?

Most creation stories that date from ancient times are filled with tales of animal or anthropomorphic gods that fight or strive to bring the Earth and humans into existence. Most of them sound like fanciful myths or fairy tales to our modern ears. One has to be struck by the simple straightforward dignity of Genesis.

In addition to the straightforward dignity of Genesis, I am amazed by the fact that there is an orderly sequence of events at all. Man sees a rhythmic cycle of seasons -- winter, spring, summer, fall. Why not assume that man and animals and land and water have always existed as they are today? Why this explanation of a beginning? Why this orderly sequence of events?

But perhaps Moses is simply a keen observer of nature. Therefore, he would probably put vegetation before animals because he could perceive that vegetation is the base of the food chain for animals. But how did Moses know that:

- the heavens and the Earth were not eternal? There was a beginning.
- the Universe began with light?
- the Earth was first covered by water?
- the land rose out of the waters while the waters were gathered into deep ocean basins?
- life in the waters preceded life on the land?

How did Moses know what science has only discovered in the last hundred years? How did Moses know these things 3,500 years ago? Could science be furnishing evidence that the Bible is the revealed Word of God?