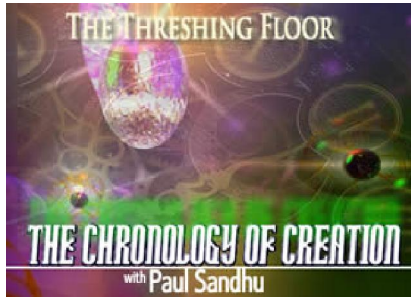


## NOTES ON CREATION vs. FORMATION

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Creation is ideas, thoughts, plans, blueprints; Formation is the execution of those ideas, thoughts, plans and blueprints. God gave Noah the plans for the Ark in a day or less so the Ark was literally created, at least mentally in less than a day but the formation of the Ark took decades. God gave Moses the plans for the tabernacle on the mountain, so for all intents and purposes the tabernacle had been created almost instantaneously but the formation of the tabernacle took a great deal of time. So in Gen. Chapter 1 it only appears that everything was formed instantaneously but in reality on each day God laid out the plans for the future formation of the Earth and the heavens and of all plant, animal and human life. The execution of these plans is still an on going process. If that were not the case we should all already be in our new bodies and the new heavens and the new Earth should already be here because they too were a part of the original days of creation.

Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. [Created to Make]

Gen 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, 5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. 6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. 7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. 8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Gen Chapter 2 verse 5 has an interesting commentary about the generations of plants before they were in the earth. So if the plants were not in the earth how could there be any generations of such plants? If the plants were not in the earth where were they? Could it be that they first existed only in the mind of God?

The second chapter of Genesis seem like to me to be a description of the terraformation of a planet and it does not seem instantaneous at all as it seems to be in Gen. 1 A

process is being described here of how the Earth was made suitable for habitation. First the ground was watered and made fertile, then vegetation was made to grow out of it by the energy and power of God. This process however does not appear at all to be instantaneous and certainly appears to take longer than a day unlike the description of the appearance of vegetation on the 3rd day in Gen. 1. God is described here as a husbandman and certainly as a Gardener planting and not resting at all as should have been the case if everything was entirely and completely finished..

Keeping these things in mind I am of the opinion that Genesis chapter is a vast sweeping overview of God's creative planning from beginning to end. From Gen. Chapter 2 to the end of the book of Revelation is a record of the history of the execution of these infallible plans of God. God is mentally at rest since there is no doubt that his plans will be executed perfectly and flawlessly. However he is constantly working to execute these plans as evidenced throughout the Bible. God is never idle in the Bible and therefore we have to understand the distinction between REST and IDLENESS. Rest is mental which is the state in which God dwells but idleness is inactivity which is never the case with God.