

"And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the



firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day." Genesis 1:6-8

We have no idea what the world was like before the flood. There had never been a cloud in the sky or rain on the earth, because God watered the earth with a morning mist every day. Every day was bright and dry. God created the atmosphere, or firmament, in the midst of the waters. There were waters above and below, the perfect greenhouse. The atmosphere was in essence immersed. Here we have a picture of baptism, and a type of the Water of the Word bathing and surrounding everything. I can understand why it was so hard for Noah to preach about rain and floods he had never witnessed. He had to believe God's Word through faith, in spite of tangible proof. I'm sure he was made to feel like fool many times, but he faithfully preached for 120 years while building the Ark. We have much the same task today. We have to have faith in the Word of God to deliver our message. The bottom line is; there was a flood. Paleontologists deny the fact, but you can go anywhere on this planet and prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that a world wide flood occurred by simply taking a core sample. Their biggest trophy, fossils are proof that a cataclysmic event took place. Fossils are only formed when a living organism is suddenly trapped in a sedimentary layer. Natural death bio-degrades into its elements and there is no record of its existence. Fossils, rather than proving evolution, simply evidence the Biblical account of the Flood. Isn't it strange how men can deny truth when it's right under their nose? They truly are "blinded" by sin and foolish pride.

Water above and water below,
Suspended in its silvery flow,
Immersed and still, a shimmering sight,
The earth awaited the morning Light. ~CGP

Do you sometimes feel foolish proclaiming Truth to mockers and scoffers? Read the story of faithful Noah again, and remember, *"As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."* Our faith will be counted to us for righteousness just as Noah's was. Keep building the "Ark" for your family and friends and don't despair. There will be more outside than in, when the judgment of God falls. Warn the wicked, but don't neglect your family.

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Hebrews 11:7