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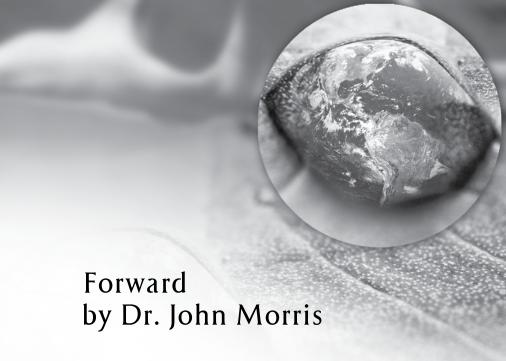
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Global Warming has become the cause célèbre on the high school and university campus. It's even transformed into a major emphasis in elementary school classrooms. Students, with a grand desire for meaning, and to "slay the dragon" and "rescue the maiden" have latched onto it, fueling the movement and providing its ranks with millions of willing volunteers. They will gladly walk the street to spy on your "carbon footprint", and report all violators to the authorities. Teachers assign projects which further the goals, further cementing the conviction. An army is on the march, ablaze with a passion to do something meaningful, willing to do all within their power to protect the planet from overheating.

Scientists are not so sure. It may have been censored from your ears, but many knowledgeable experts have their reasons for dissent. Recently I spoke on "Creation and Current Issues" in a city housing a major government research lab. I am no expert on this issue, but it was one of the several briefly discussed. I showed only a few graphs documenting fluctuating world wide temperature trends and expressed my conviction that we have been shielded from much evidence in an apparent effort to manipulate social and

political thought. Immediately, I was surrounded by numerous scientists, charging that I had not gone far enough, and encouraging me to continue challenging the global warming claim, for they are restricted from speaking out. Over the next few days, they showered me with more material than I could handle. Evidently there's another side to the issue.

Back in the mid seventies, I was heavily involved in the search for the remains of Noah's Ark, and had made contact with a highly placed official at the CIA, the Central Intelligence Agency. I had not realized it, but they gather intelligence of all sorts which might be of use in governmental decisions. Thus they are a major repository of weather data and global trends. The Institute for Creation Research, my sponsoring organization, had concluded the ice cap on Mount Ararat normally hides the Ark from view, but the Ark is probably exposed on warm, dry years, and I requested their aerial photography of the mountain from the years in question. Once they saw my voluminous evidence which showed, among other things, that in each year of the past century of minimal snow fall and elevated temperatures the Ark had been seen, they were most interested. I was left in the conference room while they studied their photos and files. They reemerged with discouraging news. Not only did they have no aerial surveillance which they could let me have, (the rest was "top secret") but they felt the search was futile at the present time. Not because it wasn't there, but because the earth was headed in to a prolonged cooling period. In fact, unless government stepped in to ward it off, we were entering a new Ice Age. Global cooling instead of global warming! Seems there is another side indeed.

This book presents that other side. No, it presents both sides, and analyzes the data objectively, without an overriding political agenda. More than that, it places global trends in a Biblical context, leaning on the perspective of the Creator of the weather to better understand the weather. Sounds reasonable. If we must develop a bias, we might as well adopt a proper bias, gleaning all the relevant information, and considered from a more complete

perspective. This book also delves into human behavior as it relates to the one-sided claims, based on the thoughts of the Creator of humans, and His explanation of their behavior.

The Creator's evaluation can be summarized as the sudden appearance of all things, the earth, man and beast, all initially "very good" (Genesis 1:31). Man was given stewardship over God's creation, but soon, this perfect state was ruined by man's disobedience to God's plan, resulting in a downward spiraling of every system from perfection to its current state. The great Flood of Noah's day followed, which restructured the planet and forced all systems, including climate systems, to seek a new equilibrium. We live today in a fallen, flooded remnant of an original idyllic creation.

But the Creator's plan for Earth is not over. It has been delayed but not thwarted. We are told of coming climatic catastrophes culminating in a new earth, with the original perfection restored. Are we now seeing precursors? To top it off, we are promised a part in this New Earth which will last forever. In this timely new book, Jay Auxt and William Curtis III present what you need to know to understand current trends and future solutions.

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ow does "global warming" fit into "the Creator's plan"? Are these subjects even related? Does one's view of the earth, and specifically global warming, affect the Creator's plan for that person? Do one's actions affect the Creator's plan for this earth? Is global warming real? As a Christian steward of God's provision, what is my responsibility? These are just a few of the questions addressed in this book.

Any global view of the Creator's plan must consider what the Creator has revealed concerning His past, present, and future plans. The concept of global warming as an increasing threat to life here on earth leads us to an eschatological — or last days — scenario. The most definitive revelation regarding the last days of earth as we know it is given in God's revelation, the Bible.

This book will attempt to put global warming and the issues mentioned above into a historical, scientific, and biblical worldview by answering the following questions:

What is the history of this earth, including its environmental and geological conditions?

Is global warming happening, and if so, how long has it been going on?

Is it being exacerbated by man's activities in the 21st century?

Can man do anything to delay or reverse the effects of global warming?

How will this global warming affect our environment in the future?

Should the United States of America attempt to control global warming? If so, what methods should be used?

What is God's plan for you on this earth?

Global warming should not be seen as a predominately recent phenomenon. From the beginning of time, we see a constantly changing environment. The global Flood and Ice Age are prominent examples of extreme scenarios. Species such as the dinosaurs have gone extinct, and there is little mankind can do to alter this fact. The scientific and biblical aspects both come together in a cogent approach to what we should expect in this age, in turn directing and defining our actions both in the personal and political arena. God's original mandate included mankind's dominion and care for this world (see Gen. 1:28). However, sin's entrance into the world led to a geophysical and geopolitical war zone that continues to rage. The biblical/historical record of the earth's various environmental/geological configurations will be presented in depth with global warming in context.

God never intended for this present world configuration to last forever. The world was created to produce a family of God that would live and reign in the cosmos with God in a new earth (Rev. 21:1) for all eternity. As we know, this family is a free-willed species called humans, created in the image of God (see Gen. 1:26–27). Throughout history there have been specific stages in this creation of the family that involved both changing world scenarios and a redemptive program. This redemption plan presented to mankind

a peek at the attributes of our Creator. Furthermore, it demanded the choice of God's person and will for our lives.

With both scientific and biblical facts this text will explore the past, present, and future world situation with the intent to understand what God would have us do in this present era. In addition, the biblical scenario for the last days and the future world will be presented to give hope in a dark day. God no more gives up on the earth than He gives up on us. He is no more finished with the earth than He is finished with us. God has promised to reverse the Curse on mankind and the physical earth to give us a new earth (John 14:1–4; Rev. 21:1).

But scientific and biblical facts are merely a distraction if not applied properly. Distractions can be devastating. So before we begin to examine the details of the Scriptures and science, let's review a famous event that is familiar to us all.

Date: approximately 1060 B.C. Place: Shochoh (a city in Judah)

Cast of characters: A small young man and a very large

warrior

The two characters are standing in the middle of a valley. Thousands of soldiers, fraught with anticipation, are standing on the hillsides waiting to see what will happen next. The very large warrior attempts to distract the small young man by intimidation. "Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves?" And he curses the young man by his gods. The large man attempts to distract the young man once again. "Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field." The small young man quietly opens his sling and places a small round stone in it. But it isn't just any sling or any stone. He has handcrafted the sling from the finest leather with the greatest perfection right to the minutest detail. The stone is carefully selected to be just the right size, the right shape, and the right texture to be flung from the

sling with perfect accuracy. The small young man knows exactly what he is doing. He has confidently used this very sling to slay mighty lions and bears in the past. With that, the very large warrior raises his spear, a mighty spear. The head alone weighs 15 pounds! The rays of the sun glisten on the sharpened edge, suddenly causing the small young man to be distracted and fearful. The small young man slings the stone at the very large warrior, but he misses the mark. The rest is history.

Is that the way you remember the story? (See 1 Sam. 17:43– 44.) With such a giant before him, did David have cause to be distracted and become afraid? Was he distracted? If he had been, the next scene would not have been very pretty for David. Even though he was highly skillful, his sling was carefully handcrafted, and his stones were meticulously selected, David's plans would have ended abruptly. But God's plans are never thwarted! The purpose of this book is not to puff you up (1 Cor. 4:6) with biblical or scientific knowledge and trivia facts, but to strengthen your walk with Christ, to gain confidence in His Word so that you will not be distracted by the master of deceit (Rev. 12:9), and ultimately that you may finish your course with joy, and the ministry, which you have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God, as did the writer of Acts (Acts 20:24). As a side benefit, you will also find this book to be a valuable resource when evaluating personal decisions such as purchases, voting, or vacations that may have spiritual or environmental consequences.



## A Biblical Basis

There went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. . . . And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads (Gen. 2:6,10).

Any text that attempts to combine history, science, and the biblical record should properly begin with the historical and scientific arguments for the veracity of the biblical record. Therefore, from a scientific and historical base we will begin there. Dr. Curtis's previous book, *The Last Days of the Longest War*, gives both exegetical and scientific argument for a literal historical six-day creation. This book is centered on plans for you and the

William M. Curtis, The Last Days of the Longest War (Enumclaw, WA: WinePress Pub., 2005).

earth, especially as it relates to the so-called global warming crisis. Thus, we will argue for a biblical understanding of God's revelation regarding the earth — past, present, and future.

One need not be a scientist to understand that the earth is a young planet, having a cool, solid crust; it has a non-destructive, life-supporting atmosphere but is also made up of a molten core (see Gen. 1; Ps. 33:6–10). This young earth is ideally suited for 6,000 years of human habitation, but absolutely unable to exist for six billion years and be in its present state. Numerous scientists regularly present evidence that supports a biblically based creation. The International Conference on Creationism (ICC) hosts hundreds of scientists with peer-reviewed technical papers to present. The *Creation Research Society Quarterly* (CRSQ) publishes even more peer-reviewed papers every quarter. Scientific evidence to support the biblical account of creation abounds. Just to cite a few in this manuscript, we have selected the following:<sup>2</sup>

Phenomenon	Comment	Significance
Age of the universe	God tells us in His Word (Luke 3:23-38) how long a period it was from creation to Christ.	Evolution, on the other hand, <i>requires</i> billions of years, yet most data indicates that the earth is very young.
The earth's molten core	If the earth was billions of years old, it should have cooled and solidified by now.	If it had, the magnetic field that protects us from cosmic rays would be gone, and we would be dead.
The magnetic field	The magnetic field is decaying.	The measured decay rate does not fit an earth of billions of years.

<sup>2.</sup> D. Russell Humphreys, Starlight & Time (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 1994); Don DeYoung, Thousands . . . Not Billions (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2005); John Morris and Steven A. Austin, Footprints in the Ash (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2003); Steven Austin, Grand Canyon: Monument to Catastrophe (Santee, CA: Institute for Creation Research, 1994); Duane Gish, Evolution: The Fossils Still Say No! (Santee, CA: Institute for Creation Research, 1996).

Phenomenon	Comment	Significance
Starlight	Dr. Russell Humphreys uses scripture (God "stretched out the heavens") and sound physics principles of general relativity to show how light from stars billions of light years away could be visible here on earth.	Starlight from distant stars is a serious stumbling block for many Christians. Dr. Humphreys' book <i>Starlight &amp; Time</i> addresses this concern from a biblical and scientific approach.
Radioactive decay	The Institute for Creation Research spent \$1.2M studying this subject. Evolutionary interpretation of this data severely contradicts itself.	Radioactive decay is also a serious stumbling block for many Christians. The book <i>Thousands Not Billions</i> by Dr. DeYoung addresses this concern from a biblical and scientific approach.
Carbon–14 decay	This subset of radioactive decay strongly supports a young biblically based earth	Carbon dating of diamonds, which are impervious to contamination, indicates that the earth is very young.
Helium diffusion	Conventional radioactive decay methods suggest that zircons are billions of years old.	Helium diffusion data of the same zircon indicates that it is 6,000 years old (i.e., formed during the creation week).
Mount St. Helens	The Mount St. Helens eruption of May 18, 1980, shocked creation and evolutionary scientists by turning science completely upside-down in five different areas.	The book <i>Footprints in the Ash</i> , by Morris and Austin, shows how this single event illustrated how large scale sedimentation and erosion occurs very rapidly, supporting a biblical view of the Flood and creation.
The Grand Canyon	The Grand Canyon has always been considered a monument to millions of years of evolution.	The book <i>Grand Canyon: Monument to Catastrophe</i> by Dr. Steven Austin illustrates how the overwhelming evidence portrayed in the Grand Canyon clearly supports the concept of enormous floodwaters, not enormous numbers of years.

Phenomenon	Comment	Significance	
Fossils	Evolutionists insist that the	Evolution: The Fossils Still	
	fossil record supports their	Say No! by Dr. Duane	
	theory.	Gish provides spectacular	
		evidence that the fossil	
		record fully supports the	
		biblically based view of	
		creation.	
Recent ancient	Proteins deteriorate very	These intact proteins	
protein	quickly after death, yet	support the concept of	
discoveries	recent dinosaurs have been	rapid deposition by a recent	
	discovered with proteins still	flood, not a slow death sixty	
	intact.	million years ago.	

The Bible tells us that the world was created very abruptly in six days only thousands of years ago. These are just a few of many topics of interest that support this biblically based view of our origins. Radioisotope decay is such a fascinating subject that a brief discussion is included in appendix 2. Evolutionists tend to worship uniformitarianism, the belief that change occurs very slowly at uniform rates. Appendix 5 of *The Defender's Study Bible*,<sup>3</sup> by Dr. Henry Morris, lists 68 uniformitarian methods of dating the earth that indicate that the earth cannot possibly be billions of years old. Scientific references are given for all 68 methods. Also, for a much more in-depth view of scientific data that supports a biblically based view, the recently published "Revised and Expanded" The Young Earth<sup>4</sup> by Dr. John Morris is a spectacular resource. In short, billions of years of the earth's existence do not stand up to the biblical testimony, the secular written history, or the scientific evidence.

We should not listen to the "politically correct" media that would like us to believe that all scientists support an evolutionary viewpoint. Dr. Jerry Bergman, Northwest State College, has accumulated a list of nearly 3,000 scientists who oppose this view

Henry M. Morris, The Defender's Study Bible (Grand Rapids, MI: World Publ., 1995).

<sup>4.</sup> John Morris, The Young Earth (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2007).

in favor of a more scientific view that supports a biblically based creation. Neither should we listen to the various positions of many Bible colleges, Christian colleges, and a vast list of churches and Christian ministries who try to allow for these positions of an old earth because they cannot handle science or the Scripture. If we fall for the evolutionary worldview of science based on "selective data" (and ignore considerable data that supports God's Word), we will almost certainly become prey for other "selective data" that misrepresents the global warming issue and possibly be distracted from God's precise plan for our life.

The biblical timeline begins with a recent creation of the heavens and the earth. This timeline is easily traced from the biblical records in Genesis and Luke as well as the secular historic record down to the present as we enter into the seventh millennium of our existence. Today we have many strong arguments for accepting this timeline from both history and science.

Like Basil and James Ussher did in their great literary works of the 4th and 16th centuries (respectively), we can deduce the earth's age by evaluating biblical and secular historical records side by side. The years from creation to the present may be added up from the data in Genesis and the rest of Scripture, and then correlated with secular historical records such as the laying of the cornerstone of Solomon's temple (see 1 Kings 6:1), bringing the timeline right up to today's calendar. We may determine the time of creation, the Genesis flood, Babel, the days the earth was divided into the present continents, the time of Abraham, the nation of Israel, the building of Solomon's temple, the Babylonian empire, the Medo/Persian empire, the days of Alexander the Great and the Macedonian/Greek or Hellenic empire, the Roman empire, the time of Jesus the Messiah 4,000 years after the creation (see Luke chapter 3), and the history of our world right down to today. For further study, some interesting notes on our current calendar are provided in appendix 1.

There are numerous ways of illustrating the biblical age of the earth. The following simple chart can be quickly and easily verified and is solid evidence that the earth is very young by any biblically based historical definition. In the following chart, the "age" column is the age of the "father" when the "son" is born. The "birth date" column is the age of the earth calculated by this biblical record.

Reference	Father	Age	Son	Birth Date
Gen. 2:19	Adam			0
Gen. 5:3	Adam	130	Seth	130
Gen. 5:6	Seth	105	Enos	235
Gen. 5:9	Enos	90	Cainan	325
Gen. 5:12	Cainan	70	Mahalaleel	395
Gen. 5:15	Mahalaleel	65	Jared	460
Gen. 5:18	Jared	162	Enoch	622
Gen. 5:21	Enoch	65	Methuselah	687
Gen. 5:25	Methuselah	187	Lamech	874
Gen. 5:28–29	Lamech	182	Noah	1056
Gen. 5:32	Noah	500	Shem, Ham, Japheth	1556
Gen. 11:10	Shem	100	Arphaxad	1656
Gen. 11:12	Arphaxad	35	Salah	1691
Gen. 11:14	Salah	30	Eber	1721
Gen. 11:16	Eber	34	Peleg	1755
Gen. 11:18	Peleg	30	Reu	1785
Gen. 11:20	Reu	32	Serug	1817
Gen. 11:22	Serug	30	Nahor	1847
Gen. 11:24	Nahor	29	Terah	1876
Gen. 11:26	Terah	70	Abram	1946
Gen. 21:3	Abram	100	Isaac	2046
Gen. 25:26	Isaac	60	Jacob	2106
Gen. 30	Jacob	Appr. 50	Joseph	2156
Gen. 37:2, 28	Joseph	17	Sent to Egypt	2173
Exod. 12:40	Jews in Egypt	430		2180 to 2610

This is an exercise that anyone can verify in a matter of a few minutes. For the sake of simplicity, let us assume that the Egyptian Empire, a well-established event, began around 3500 B.C. Many scholars believe that it began much later than that. If the Jews entered Egypt at the beginning of the empire, this would place

the creation of the earth at 3500 + 2200 = 5700 B.C. at the very earliest! Many historical scholars believe the Jews entered Egypt around 1900 B.C., placing the creation around 4000 B.C. This is a key point in our discussion of global warming. If, on the other hand, humans have been on this planet for millions of years, the *supposed* current data for non-human-induced global warming (which we will discuss later in this chapter and in chapter 4) would indicate that the earth was much too cold for human habitation at the very time of their initial development.

#### **Population**

Population is an interesting subject in that it presents significant data to support the theory of a young earth and is also considered to be the major source for global warming. In this section, we touch on it as an evidence of a young, biblically based, earth.

The world population today relates to a growth from eight souls at the time of the flood, some 4,350 years ago. One of the key scientific/historical records to the veracity of Genesis is the human population of the earth, as is presented in depth in chapter 6, which agrees with the dates of the Genesis flood precisely, and no million-year evolution scenario can fit these data. There are historical records of a worldwide flood in practically every ethnic group around the world. There is no way to see millions of years in these data. Therefore, we may confidently approach the biblical record for an understanding of what God the Creator of earth has done and will do with His earth.

#### **Biblical Authenticity**

Although this is an extremely brief discussion of the biblical authenticity of the creation of the earth and mankind, it is crucial in the understanding of the global warming issue. Having established that the Bible is true, we can now develop an understanding of the principles of heat and global warming right from the very first day.

"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. . . ."

We have heard that expression a million times. But let's examine this first day very closely since it is vital in understanding the nature of global warming. On the very first day of creation, God created mass, energy, time, and space as we currently understand them.<sup>5</sup>

- Verse 1: In creating "heaven" (in this case, "sky"), He created "space."
- Verse 1: In creating the "earth," He created "mass."
- Verse 3: In creating "light," He created "energy."
- Verse 5: "And the evening and the morning were the first day." Thus He also created "time."

This is generally considered to be quite obvious. But what may not be so obvious is that God braided these four entities together by the common laws of physics that He also created (see Col. 1:16) on the very same day. We can partially represent this interdependency by the following equations:

Equation #1	$E=mc^{1}$	Where:
Equation #2	$D' = D\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$	E = Energy
	$D = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{c^2}}$	M and m = Mass
Equation #3	$M' = \frac{M}{\sqrt{2}}$	D and D' = Distance
Equation #3	$\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}$	T and T' = Time
	•	c = The speed of light
Equation #4	$T' = \frac{T}{\sqrt{2}}$	c = The speed of light (distance divided by time)
Equation #4	$\sqrt{l-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}$	v = Velocity (distance divided by time)

<sup>5.</sup> Prior to the first day, there may very well have been some sort of "time" and "energy." God is eternal, with no beginning or end. Similarly, God Himself initially provided light (energy) prior to the creation of the sun and will do so again for the new earth (chapter 8). This concept of "time" and "energy" may be very different from what we currently understand. This question may be more of a philosophical question than one of science or Scripture and will not be addressed in this book.

Equation #1 is all that is necessary to tie energy, mass, distance, and time together. If equation #1 is a single strand of a cord, the other three equations make up other strands of this cord to form a rope that cannot be broken (refer to Eccles. 4:12).

These four entities — mass, energy, time, and space — are mathematically tied together and cannot be separated. God holds these laws consistent for us (see Col. 1:17). It is impossible to even imagine what the world would be like if these laws were not consistent from one day to the next. Fortunately, God has made a covenant with us to hold these laws constant (see Jer. 33:25–26). Consequently, we need to also recognize that all the laws of physics were also created on the very first day. (Since the evolutionary theories of the "big bang" and formation of the stars defies the first and second laws of thermodynamics, they seem to suggest that the laws of physics somehow also evolved over time, but we will not enter into that debate in this book.) The creation of all the laws of physics would naturally include these laws of thermodynamics. The second law of thermodynamics is an elusive one to clearly articulate, but in general terms, things naturally tend to go from order to disorder. We do not need to attempt to dissect all the different verbiage for the second law of thermodynamics to understand it within the context of global warming. We will demonstrate its applicability very simply with the following practical application:

We can easily convert mechanical energy to heat energy with 100% efficiency, but we can never convert heat energy with 100% efficiency back into any other type of energy.

Thus we have now defined "entropy" and identified a source for global warming right from the very beginning of time! Adam and Eve were human beings. Their bodies had a metabolism. As such, their bodies burned carbohydrates, which in turn generated heat. This heat dissipated into the atmosphere in the form of "entropy"

and can never be reused. The second law of thermodynamics was fully established right from the beginning of time. A source of heat for "global warming" is certainly a real phenomenon. It has existed since the first day of creation, but is it the phenomenon that is so widely propagated in the media today? Having a "source of heat" does not necessarily mean "warming" if other factors are involved.

One may raise the question then, "Does that mean that Adam and Eve were doomed to death right from the start?" No. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). It is true that the second law of thermodynamics is responsible for the deterioration of our bodies today, but it is also true that our bodies are designed with the ability to regenerate and replace the building blocks of life; for example, to compensate for this law of physics. God declared the design of our bodies "good." Thus this "deterioration" was not "bad" but a natural function of life. It was not until after the Fall that our bodies could not fully compensate for this deterioration (see chapter 2).

With the authenticity of the Bible and the laws of physics confirmed from the beginning of time, we must also acknowledge, though, that the world has undergone several substantial changes. The geography described in the second chapter of Genesis corresponds to nothing in the present world configuration. Furthermore, this initial configuration was significantly changed at the Fall of man, as described in Genesis 3. The apostle Peter markedly points out in the third chapter of his second epistle that the Noachian flood destroyed the primeval world. Contrary to evolutionary uniformitarian ideology, the biblical record gives us three stages of geographical and meteorological change in the first 11 chapters of the Book of Genesis. These stages are:

- The initial configuration (Gen. 1 and 2)
- The pre-Flood conditions from the Fall of man to the global Flood (Gen. 3–7)

• The present geographical condition with its ever-decaying second law of thermodynamics configuration (Ps. 102:25–27; Isa. 51:6; Heb. 1:10–12)

It is with this understanding of God's working in His creation to bring about the plans and purpose for mankind and the new earth that He has promised (see 2 Pet. 3:16–19; Rev. 21 and 22) that "global warming" needs to be evaluated. Let us first attempt to define and describe the initial world configuration.