

"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 KJV*



What was it like before the flood? No clouds or rain? God Watered the earth with a morning mist, Ordained before Adam was even Created. *"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. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. 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."* Every day was bright and dry. God created the atmosphere, or firmament, *"in the midst of the waters;"* above and below, the perfect greenhouse! Immersed in water, a picture of baptism, this is 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 that had never been! He had to believe God's Word through faith, in spite of contrary evidence. I'm sure he was made to feel like a 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 the Message of Coming Judgment. There WAS a worldwide flood! Paleontologists deny the fact, but you can go anywhere and simply take a core sample on this planet and prove beyond a shadow of a doubt it happened. Fossils, their biggest trophy, prove a cataclysmic event! Fossils are only formed when living organisms are SUDDENLY trapped in a sedimentary layer. Natural death remains bio-degrade into elements and there is little record of its existence, let alone complete structures. Rather than proving evolution, fossils prove the Flood. Isn't it strange men deny truth that's right under their noses? They are blinded by sin, reason, and foolish pride. *"For the Invisible Things of [God] from the Creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are Made, even His Eternal Power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."* Even when face to face with Truth men deny It!

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

Sometimes we "feel" foolish proclaiming the Truth of Christ's Return 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. *"Enter ye in at the Strait Gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the Gate, and narrow is the Way, which leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find It."* 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 KJV