The Firmament of Genesis 1
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I would like to personally thank you for watching the Origins television program. This show was special, near to the heart of my parents, Russ and Norma Bixler.

I trust that the information in this presentation will be helpful in your study of creation science. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of Origins… you’re making the television production of this program possible!

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Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

-Hebrews 11:1

Greetings and welcome to the Russ and Norma Bixler legacy website. Our family trusts that your visit today will provide strength, hope and encouragement to you.

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Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth”
On Day Two, God made The firmament (expanse)
And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”

And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

And God called the expanse Heaven.

And there was evening and there was morning, The second day.
This is Day One and Day Two
Waters above
God made the stars on Day Four
Did God create the heavens twice?

Note a Few Things
Firmament
- rāqîa”
- Occurs 17 times in OT
- 9 times in Genesis 1 (vv. 6-8, 14, 15, 17, 20)

Heaven
- šāmayim
- Occurs 420 times in OT
- Translated “heaven” or “heavens” 398 times
Day Four Account

“Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens…” *Genesis 1:14*

“and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens…” *Genesis 1:15*

“And God set them in the expanse Of the heavens…” *Genesis 1:17*
Conclusion:
The expanse is where the stars are
Ancient Greek Cosmology

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The 20th Century

A New Approach

The heavens of Day One is the space of the universe

The expanse of Day Two is the earth’s atmosphere
Different pre-Flood world
Collapsed to help cause the Flood
Largely rejected now
Shouldn’t we reevaluate the cosmology?
• Expanse is space (maybe atmosphere too)
• Three startling conclusions:
  • The universe has an edge
  • The universe has a center
  • Water is at the edge
• The water must radiate
• Uniform radiation from all directions
Cosmic Microwave Background
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