

Make Truth God's Again (MTGA), Part 2

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This article will begin where “Make Truth God's Again, Part 1” left off, with Noah and the flood. We will continue to contrast the two different worldviews: first, that we are physical beings having spiritual experiences and second, that we are spiritual beings having a physical experience. We will also contrast two theologies: first, the traditional school of thought that teaches the creation stories in Genesis 1 & 2 as a single event and second, the theology that sees each creation story as unique. It will be an example of how things may be viewed differently if our worldview and theology change as we learn more about the creation over time.

Part 1 noted seven significant differences in the two creation stories.

Table 1: Differences in the creation of Humanity on the sixth day and Adam.

Sixth Day Humanity	Adam
Men were created (plural).	Adam was created (singular).
Women were created (plural).	Eve was cloned from Adam's genetic material.
Lifespan of 85 years, give or take 15 years.	Lifespan of 930 years, give or take 35 years.
Men and women placed throughout the Earth.	Adam is placed in the garden east of Eden.
Wild plants and animals created before humanity.	Domestic plants and animals created after Adam.
Natural/wild hunter/gatherer society.	Domestic/tame farmer/herder society.
Mission: Fill the Earth and subdue it.	Mission: Tend the garden.

The story of Noah, the flood, and Noah's descendants is found in Genesis chapters six through eleven:

1. 6:1-2, Sons of God marry daughters of men.
2. 6:3, Prophecy that lifespan of man will be shortened to 120 years. (Fulfilled after the flood.)
3. 6:4, Sons of God and daughters of men produce hybrid race of mighty men and giants.
4. 6:5-7, God decides to destroy man.
5. 6:8-10, Noah finds favor in God's sight and has perfect genetics from Adam.
6. 6:11-22, God instructs Noah to build and provision an ark for his preservation.
7. 7:1-24, The flood.
8. 8:1-19, Noah's deliverance from the flood.
9. 8:20-22, God's covenant with creation.
10. 9:1-17, God's promise to Noah,
11. 9:18-28, Noah and his sons.
12. 10:1-32, Descendants of Noah's sons. (This is commonly called the catalog of nations.)
13. 11:1-9, The tower of Babel.
14. 11:10-32, Shem's descendants. (With age at death.)

This gives an overview of Noah's flood and the aftermath for those who want to know the whole story. This article will only explore the beginning and the end of the story in detail.

The backstory leading up to the flood reveals some very strange things going on. It says in Genesis 6:1-4:

1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. 3 And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." 4 There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. (Verse three is a prophecy that is fulfilled after the flood in Genesis 11 and following. We will discuss it at the end of this study.)

This passage describes the sons of God marrying the daughters of men and producing hybrid offspring who are giants, mighty men, and men of renown. Does this open the door for there to be some truth in the Greek myths?

Who are the sons of God that are referenced in this passage? When I was a youth, I was told that the sons of God were fallen angels. This was supported by referencing that everywhere else in the Old Testament the sons of God were angels. This didn't set well with me. Personally, I have always found the thought of angels having sex with humans to be revolting.

Also, I was already aware of the gospel story where the Sadducees confronted Jesus concerning the resurrection in Matthew 22:23-33:

23 The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, 24 saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 25 Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. 26 Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. 27 Last of all the woman died also. 28 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her."

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. 31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 32 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." 33 And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.¹ (Parallel accounts are found in Mark 12:18-27 and Luke 20:27-38.)

I believe the testimony of Jesus. He says that angels do not marry. Spiritual beings are eternal and don't need to procreate to sustain their species.

¹ This is another reference that shows spiritual life as the ultimate reality and that we should think of spiritual life first when God is talking about life and death. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had obviously died physically centuries earlier. Jesus asserts that they are alive. He could only mean spiritually.

In our world, nearly every living species must have a male and a female to procreate. Therefore, our language reflects this fact and every living thing is labeled a male or a female. Throughout scripture, God and the angels are depicted as males. However, I believe that they are asexual because a second sex is never even hinted at. Without a female counterpart there is no reason to be male.

If we come to the scriptures with the worldview that we are spiritual beings having a physical experience, then combining the above with what Paul writes in Galatians 3:23-26 makes perfect sense.

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

In eternity we will be neither male nor female, but, like the angels, we will be asexual and never marry nor be given in marriage.

When I looked into the term son(s) of God in the King James Bible, I found fifty-eight occurrences. (See Appendix A: Son(s) of God.) Six are in the Old Testament. Two are here in the passage we are studying concerning the flood. These two references do not provide any further insight as to who is referenced as the sons of God. Three references are in the book of Job. In Job they specifically identify the sons of God as angels coming before God in Heaven. The last reference is in the book of Daniel. When Daniel's three friends are thrown into the fiery furnace, the king looks in and sees a fourth man who he describes as like the son of God. There are two schools of thought: one, that it was an angel, and two, that it was a theophany of the pre-existent Christ. In the New Testament, son(s) of God occurs fifty-two times. Forty-five times it refers to Jesus as the son of God. Six times it refers to Redeemed Saints as sons of God. In one occurrence it refers to Adam as the son of God. This is found at the end of the genealogy of Jesus as recorded in the book of Luke.

I don't think this is conclusive either way. I will note that it sounds very different to say that everywhere else in the Old Testament sons of God means angels as opposed to saying that sons of God means angels one other place in the Old Testament, in the book of Job.

Are there any outside sources that may shed more light on this subject? One might reference the Watchers in the Book of Enoch. I've read the Book of Enoch and it does tell the story about two hundred Watchers who decided to take the daughters of men as wives. A hybrid race of humanity was born to them. However, Enoch did not tell his readers who the Watchers were. Apparently, it was known at the time but has been lost over the centuries.

There are many accounts of incubus² and succubus³ experiences. However, I've never found one account where offspring were produced.

Another source that can be cited are the Greek myths. These came to be known as myths as time progressed, people migrated, and some of the details changed. However, they were originally firsthand observations. In the Greek myths there were three races. First there were the pre-existent earthbound men and women. Then the Titans appeared. They were small in number and over time they disappear. When these two races intermarried, they produced a hybrid race that the Greeks called gods. They also

2 Incubus: a male demon believed to have sexual intercourse with sleeping women.

3 Succubus: a female demon believed to have sexual intercourse with sleeping men.

disappeared in time. Both the Titans and the gods lived a very long time, long enough for the Greeks to think they were immortal, but they did eventually die.

I don't think there is enough evidence here to state conclusively which school of thought is right. It might be good to keep an open mind while we continue to learn more over time.

Let's continue with the backstory leading up to Noah's flood. It says in Genesis 6:5-12:

5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

Within ten generations, including Adam, man became so corrupt that God became sorry that He had created him. So God decided to destroy man. Only one man, Noah was found to be just before God. It says that Noah was perfect in his generations. This refers to Noah's genealogy being perfect all the way back to Adam and Eve. His DNA was the same as theirs.

I have looked up the Hebrew word for man and men used here in Genesis 6, for the creation of Adam in Genesis 2, and for the creation of men on the sixth day of creation in Genesis 1. In all cases it is the same word, Hebrew number 120 in Strong's Concordance. In English it is Adam and translated man or men. I am not a scholar of the Hebrew language. I don't know why the translators chose to translate it man (singular) or men (plural). I also don't know why they chose to transliterate it in the story of Adam's creation. I will note that it is interesting in light of the possibility of two creations of humanity, one plural and one singular, that here in the first eleven verses of Genesis 6 every place they noted the daughters of men it is translated plural and every place man is evil and to be destroyed it is translated singular. Could this possibly be meant to direct our attention back to the two creation stories?

The story of the flood continues in Genesis 6:13-9:28. God tells Noah to build the ark and to provision it. God floods Noah's world and kills both man and animals. God is sovereign and He can do anything He wants to do. So, if people want to just believe that God made it happen and worked it out, that's okay with me. I, however, have many reasons from the creation that make me believe that Noah's world was not the same as the entire Earth.

The words Earth and world are often times synonymous, but not always. Most are familiar with the phrase: "Welcome to my world." When I was a young child it was the title of a song made popular by Jim Reeves. History teaches us that there were a succession of world empires that actually only ruled a small portion of the Earth. The traditional religious teaching of my youth taught me that the flood was universal and destroyed all life except what was saved on the ark. I no longer believe that. Here is a list of reasons why I believe Noah's flood destroyed only Noah's world and not the entire Earth.

History:

1. The flood is believed to have occurred about 2348 B.C. Anthropology teaches me that many people groups who were living at that time were not affected by the flood.

Logistics:

2. Gathering animals from seven continents.
3. Returning animals to seven continents.
4. Fitting all of the animals into the ark.
5. Fitting all of the food and water required for 377 days into the ark.
6. Having extra animals on board to feed the carnivores.

Manpower:

7. Feeding, watering, and cleaning up after all the animals with only eight people.

Material:

8. Enough water to flood the entire earth to a depth higher than the mountains.

We know how much water the Earth contains. It fills the oceans, seas, lakes, rivers, underground aquifers, glaciers, polar ice caps, and humidity in the atmosphere. There is no water to cover all the mountains of the Earth. In the story of the flood we are told that God caused it to rain for forty days and forty nights. He then opened up the fountains of the deep. We know what the fountains of the deep are. They are springs and artesian wells. Whenever there is significant precipitation at higher altitudes it causes these fountains to gush forth, but it doesn't materially enlarge the available water contained throughout the Earth. I think we might turn this around and say that we are in a state of perpetual worldwide flooding. The extent of the flood is the high water mark on the coastlands.

I believe that the flood of Noah did indeed destroy his world and eliminated the Adam Race of man who were still living in a small geographic area. The domestic animals along with a few more species and Noah's family were saved in the ark. It then becomes a manageable task for eight people to provision and care for all of them.

After the flood, we see the fulfillment of Genesis 6:3, **“3 And the LORD said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.'”** Noah is the last man with perfect DNA from Adam. For ten generations, from Adam to Noah, the lifespan of Adam creation man remained fairly constant with an average of 930 years. Over the next thirteen generations, from Noah to Joseph, the DNA of Adam is nearly bred out of the human genome. Joseph died at the age of 110. (See Appendix B: Life expectancy from Adam to Joseph.)

We know from the age recorded for Noah's son Shem and from the law of genetic averaging that Noah's wife, his sons, and his son's wives were hybrids.⁴ They and their descendants were well aware of their declining lifespans. They tried to resist it by marrying other hybrids. We see it in the tower of Babel incident, recorded in Genesis 11:1-9, when they tried to keep from being scattered and absorbed into the general population. We see it in the stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Abraham marries his half-sister (see Genesis 20:11-13). Isaac marries his first cousin as recorded in Genesis 24. Jacob also

⁴ According to the Law of Genetic Averaging, the probable lifespan of the hybrid race would be the average of the parents lifespan expressed in the formula $(f+m)/2=c$. Where f is the father's lifespan, m is the mother's lifespan, and c is the child's expected lifespan.

marries his first cousins as recorded in Genesis 28 & 29. When Jacob is presented to Pharaoh by his son Joseph, we see the following exchange in Genesis 47:7-10.

7 Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. 8 Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How old are you?" 9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my pilgrimage are one hundred and thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage." 10 So Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

So we see that Noah's descendants tried to maintain their lifespan and they were very concerned as Adam's DNA was bred out of the genome and their lifespans diminished.

I don't believe that I've found a single smoking gun that proves either theology or worldview. I do think, depending on interpretation of the Scriptures and of the creation, that there is ample evidence to support either position. Obviously, I've come to believe that the two creation stories are indeed unique, or I would not have written this article. It wasn't one thing that made me leave behind what I was taught as a child. It was the preponderance of evidence and the fact that it solved many problems that I saw in the teaching of my youth:

1. If we are all descended from the same two ancestors who had the same DNA, then why don't we all have the same DNA?
2. If the two creation stories of humanity recorded in the Bible are a single creation, then why are they diametrically opposed to each other?
3. How did fallen angels, who are most likely asexual and can only simulate intercourse, procreate with women? They do not have creative power like God does, so where did they get the necessary genetic material to produce a viable embryo?
4. Why were there giants after the flood when they had been eliminated and the conditions that produced them were supposedly removed?
5. Why did it take thirteen generations for God to shorten man's lifespan from nine-hundred and thirty years to one hundred and twenty years? God said it, why didn't it just happen then?

Personally, I don't believe that angels are capable of breeding with humanity. I do believe the hybrid giants were the result of intermarriage between the sons of the man Adam and the daughters of men who were created on the sixth day. After the flood, Noah and the surviving hybrids continued to marry the daughters of men and produced more giants and mighty men. They were never large in number and their genetic lines were virtually bred out of the genome over time.

All of the illustrations I've used are from the very beginning of the Bible. If the foundation of a house is not level and square, then problems will propagate throughout the entire structure. It is the same with our interpretation of Scripture. We need a proper foundational understanding or error will propagate forward. Our worldview is different and we've learned much more about the creation since the dark ages. Theology, worldview, and knowledge of the creation will all affect our interpretation of the Bible. Whatever we choose to believe, I do hope we can all agree to Make Truth God's Again.

I did not come up with the theory that the two creations were unique on my own. For the story of my journey, see Appendix C: Giving Credit Where Credit Is Due.

Appendix A: Son(s) of God (Ad = Adam and Descendants, An = Angels, J = Jesus, S = Saints)

This a list of the Scriptures that contain “son(s) of God” in the King James Version of the Bible. There are six references in the Old Testament: two in Genesis that may refer to either descendants of Adam or angels, three in Job that are definitely angels, and one in Daniel that may be angels or, some believe, a theophany of the preexistent Christ. The New Testament has fifty-two references to “son(s) of God:” one refers to Adam in Luke, forty-five refer to Jesus, and six refer to Redeemed Saints. References to Jesus and Redeemed Saints are found throughout the New Testament.

Verse	Ad	An	J	S
That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. Gen 6:2	?	?		
There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. Gen 6:4	?	?		
Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. Job 1:6		X		
Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord. Job 2:1		X		
When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Job 38:7		X		
He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God . Dan 3:25		?	?	
And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God , command that these stones be made bread. Matt 4:3			X	
And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God , cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Matt 4:6			X	
And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God ? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? Matt 8:29			X	
Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God . Matt 14:33			X	
But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God . Matt 26:63			X	
And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God , come down from the cross. Matt 27:40			X	
He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God . Matt 27:43			X	

Verse	Ad	An	J	S
Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God . Matt 27:54			X	
The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God ; Mark 1:1			X	
And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God . Mark 3:11			X	
And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God . Mark 15:39			X	
And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God . Luke 1:35			X	
Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God . Luke 3:38	X			
And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God , command this stone that it be made bread. Luke 4:3			X	
And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God , cast thyself down from hence: Luke 4:9			X	
And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God . And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ. Luke 4:41			X	
When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. Luke 8:28			X	
When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. Luke 22:70			X	
But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God , even to them that believe on his name: John 1:12				X
And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God . John 1:34			X	
Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God ; thou art the King of Israel. John 1:49			X	
He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God . John 3:18			X	
He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God . John 5:25			X	

Verse	Ad	An	J	S
Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God ? John 9:35			X	
Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God ? John 10:36			X	
When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. John 11:4			X	
She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God , which should come into the world. John 11:27			X	
The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God . John 19:7			X	
But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God ; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:31			X	
And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God . Acts 8:37			X	
And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God . Acts 9:20			X	
And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: Rom 1:4			X	
For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God . Rom 8:14				X
For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God . Rom 8:19				X
For the Son of God , Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. 2 Cor 1:19			X	
I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God , who loved me, and gave himself for me. Gal 2:20			X	
Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God , unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: Eph 4:13			X	
That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God , without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Phil 2:15				X
Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God , let us hold fast our profession. Heb 4:14			X	
If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. Heb 6:6			X	

Verse	Ad	An	J	S
Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God ; abideth a priest continually. Heb 7:3			X	
Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God , and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? Heb 10:29			X	
Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God : therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 1 John 3:1				X
Beloved, now are we the sons of God , and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2				X
He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8			X	
Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God , God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 1 John 4:15			X	
Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God ? 1 John 5:5			X	
He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 1 John 5:10			X	
He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 1 John 5:12			X	
These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God ; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God . 1 John 5:13			X	
And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 1 John 5:20			X	
And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God , who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; Rev 2:18			X	

Appendix B: Life Expectancy from Adam to Joseph

Life expectancy in the ten generations from Adam to Noah remained fairly constant.

Adam to Noah

Name	Age	Reference
Adam	930	So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died. Gen 5:5
Seth	912	So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died. Gen 5:8
Enosh	905	So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died. Gen 5:11
Cainan	910	So all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died. Gen 5:14
Mahalalel	895	So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years; and he died. Gen 5:17
Jared	962	So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died. Gen 5:20
Enoch	365	So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. Gen 5:23-24 Note: Enoch was taken by God, so he is not used in the average.
Methuselah	969	So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died. Gen 5:27
Lamech	777	So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died. Gen 5:31 Note: Lamech appears to have died early, so he is not used in the average.
Noah	950	So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died. Gen 5:29

This is limited data, but it is what we have. Removing the two out of family values for Enoch and Lamech and adding the remaining eight, we get a total of 7,433. Then, if we divide by the eight remaining, we get an average age from Adam to Noah of 929.125. We can round this up to 930 years with a high of 969 and a low of 895 years. This gives us a life expectancy of 930 years, give or take 35 years, or 895 to 965 years for the generations from Adam to Noah.

As recorded in Genesis, the lifespan of the patriarchs declined rapidly in the thirteen generations after Noah (who lived 950 years) to Joseph (who died at 110 years). The law of genetic averaging says that a child's life expectancy is the average of the father's and the mother's life expectancy. That would be: $(f+m)/2 = c$. Where f is the lifespan of the father, m is the lifespan of the mother, and c is the lifespan of the child. Only the father's age is recorded in Genesis, but by the law of genetic averaging we can calculate the likely life expectancy of the mother by rearranging our genetic averaging formula to: $2c-f = m$. Many environmental factors, disease, and trauma may lead to death prior to reaching one's life expectancy. However, it is very unusual to live significantly beyond one's life expectancy.

Noah to Joseph (W = wife's calculated age based on genetic averaging)

Name	Age	W	Reference
Noah	950	250	So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died. Gen 9:29
Shem	600	276	This is the genealogy of Shem: Shem was one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. Gen 11:10-11
Arphaxad	438	428	Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begot Salah. After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. Gen 11:12-13

Name	Age	W	Reference
Salah	433	495	Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. Gen 11:14-15
Eber	464	14	Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot Peleg. After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters. Gen 11:16-17
Peleg	239	239	Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters. Gen 11:18-19 Note: The calculated life expectancy for Peleg's mother is ridiculous. This strongly suggests that Peleg died earlier than expected. If we give his mother a minimum life expectancy of 100, then Peleg's life expectancy would have been at least 282 years. If we use the adjusted life expectancy for Peleg, his wife's calculated life expectancy becomes 196 years or less.
Rue	239	221	Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot Serug. After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters. Gen 11:20-21
Serug	230	66	Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor. After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. Gen 11:22-23
Nahor	148	262	Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot Terah. After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters. Gen 11:24-25 Note: Serug's wife's calculated life expectancy is low and suggests that Nahor died early. If we give her a minimum life expectancy of 100, then Nahor's live expectancy would have been at least 165 years. If we use the adjusted life expectancy for Nahor, his wife's calculated life expectancy becomes 245 years or less.
Terah	205	145	So the days of Terah were two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran. Gen 11:32
Abraham	175	185	This is the sum of the years of Abraham's life which he lived: one hundred and seventy-five years. Gen 25:7
Isaac	180	114	Now the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years. Gen 35:28
Jacob	147	73	And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years. Gen 47:28
Joseph	110		So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. Gen 50:22

As the lifespans decrease, we see plateaus in the four hundreds, the two hundreds, and the one hundreds. The hybrids were very concerned about the decrease in their lifespans and they tried to prevent it by marrying other hybrids who were their near relatives. We see this in the Tower of Babel incident and in the stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Appendix C: Giving Credit Where Credit Is Due

How did I come to this understanding that God created two races of humanity at two different times? I was raised in the church (Disciples of Christ tradition) from the nursery on up. I would describe it as a conservative evangelical upbringing at that time. When I started my senior year of high school, I decided that I should read the Bible from cover to cover. It was a casual pursuit, and it took several years but I stayed with it until completed. It wasn't long before I read the 6th chapter of Genesis. It told me that the sons of God took the daughters of men as wives and that some of their children were giants, the mighty men of old. As a seventeen-year-old, I said to myself: "This opens the door to the possibility that there might be some truth in the Greek myths." I also wondered who the sons of God were. I knew that Jesus was the only begotten Son of God. I knew that Redeemed Saints were called sons of God in the New Testament and angels were called sons of God in the book of Job. I also knew that Adam was called the son of God at the end of the genealogy of Jesus Christ recorded in Luke.

When I asked who the sons of God were in Genesis 6, I was told the traditional answer that they were fallen angels. I didn't dispute it, but it didn't sit well with me either. First, because I was aware of the story in the Gospels where the Sadducees told Jesus the story of a woman who had seven brothers in succession as her husband and asked Him whose husband she would be in the resurrection. Jesus answered that in the resurrection they neither marry nor are they given in marriage, but they are like the angels. I trust the testimony of my Lord Jesus that angels do not take wives. I also felt it implied that angels are asexual. Honestly, the whole idea of angels having sex with humans just disturbed me.

That's how it remained for about the next eighteen years. Then in the late 1980s, a man by the name of Dean Edmonds spoke at the men's breakfast at our church. Dean was and wasn't a member of our church. His family attended our church. His two sons were in the high school Sunday school class that I taught. Dean, however, had worked for the Department of Weights and Measures in Washington D.C. and had recently retired. Dean shared with us the theory he had developed to reconcile his religious beliefs with what he knew from science. It rested on the belief that the two stories of the creation of humanity were indeed two separate creations.

Because I showed acceptance and interest in Dean's theory, he invited me to his home to discuss his theory further. On the appointed evening, Dean and I sat at his kitchen table surrounded by boxes of research material. He was able to go into much greater detail as he pulled out articles, pictures of artifacts, and maps to support his full theory. At the end of the evening, Dean ask me to read his manuscript. Some chapters were third and some fourth revision. Dean eventually published a two-volume book entitled "Adam's Holy Mountain and the Four Rivers of Eden." I wasn't then and I'm still not knowledgeable enough to determine if Dean's theory is correct or not. I can say that, for me, it certainly solves a lot of problems.

Here is Dean's story as he related it to me. As a geographical bachelor living in Washington D.C., he wanted something to do to fill his spare time. He decided to see if he could develop a theory that would unify what he believed from religion and what he knew from science. For the first three years his efforts only produced frustration. So, he decided to set aside everything he believed or knew. Dean went to the oldest, most original sources he could find. His research took him across many disciplines. After seven more years he came up with his theory. He said he had spent the next twenty years trying to disprove his theory and he couldn't disprove it. Unfortunately, Dean passed away several years ago.