

# Gap Objections Answered

## Objection



## Response



**1** God continues to declare His creation to be “good”. This rules out a previous fall of Satan.

By the time we get to Genesis 3 we find Satan, through the serpent, tempting Eve. Satan is already a fallen creature here, and yet the creation is still “good”. God declares the creation to be good. This does not rule out the existence of fallen beings.

**2** Death came into the world through man (Ro.5:12-14). Thus, sin was not on the earth until AFTER man sinned and fell.

It is true that death came into the world through man (Adam). After the fall of man, he (Adam) died spiritually. That is death in the sense of separation from God. Of course, Adam began to die physically as well. Though death came into the world through the sin of Adam, remember that Satan tempted Eve to deny God’s Word. Active evil was operating in the spiritual world through Satan. The root cause of death is Satan. The actual beginning came with the fall of man.

**3** Genesis 1:1 and Exodus 20:11 say that God made all things in heaven and earth in 6 days. This must have included the angels. They were originally created good and holy (Cl.1:16).

The fact that God created the angels is not disputed. The angels were likely created at Genesis 1:1. They did witness the creation of the Earth, and rejoiced to see it (Jb.38:4,7). But by the time we get to Genesis 1:2 the earth is without form and void. What caused that, we believe, was the fall of Satan and his angels.

**4** We do not know how the spiritual realm interacts with our own space / mass / time continuum. Why should we think that the fall of spiritual beings will somehow affect the earth?

Though we do not know the exact correlation between the spiritual and physical, we at least see that Satan is a destroyer of nations (Is.14:12,16,17). Satan is a spiritual being, yet he is called “the god of this world” (2Co.4:4). If he can affect the world now as a condemned and sentenced being, the same or more was true before his fall. There seems to be a close coupling between the spiritual and physical world prior to the fall (Cl.1:16; Ps.102:25).

**5** The fall of Satan and the angels occurred after Genesis 1:2. It does not take much time to well up with pride and incite others to join your cause. Thus, by the time we get to Genesis 3, Satan is there to tempt Eve.

With this understanding we do not know why Satan would tempt Eve in the first place. Did he tempt her simply because he is mean? This idea provides no answers, just more questions. For example, Mt.25:41 tells us that everlasting fire was “prepared for the devil and his angels.” The devil and his angels were sentenced to everlasting fire when they fell, why are they not there now? Why does God allow them to be free?  
A better understanding is that we were created in response to the fall of Satan. Our lives are a witness for or against Satan’s cause. The doctrine of the angelic conflict answers these and many other questions, especially concerning our meaning and purpose on this earth.