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Two distinct acts: that the firmament is made. Not just happen. that the waters are divided in two: terrestrial, atmospheric

The word "firmament."  $\text{רָקִיעַ}$  (raqia) The only Heb. word so used. Used 17 times, 9 in this ch.

The scoffing critic [even my Cretedon; Con.] - the word shows that Mass on the Heb. believes the sky a solid arch, a substantial material material sheet, above which stood the rain-water. So the Heb. says in connection with rain, "and the windows of heaven were opened..." Mass also believes that children come on waters above, below. But no. Heavens the marvelous organization of mass.

$\text{רָקִיעַ}$  from  $\text{רָקַע}$ ? = "to stretch out" "spread" = "to stretch" the limitless expanse" all the growth meanings of  $\text{רָקַע}$  are indicated = 1:14 means the sidereal, starry heaven = 1:20 atmospheric heaven. Not the heaven? Heb. above: that the "firmament" from Lat. Vulgate by "firmamentum"

The division of the waters: <sup>upper</sup> lower.

If water divided, nothing else except the fish, they soon die, no oxygen. For oxygen is in the atmosphere from which oxygen is replenished. Condition of globe at beginning of second day; no land, no clear air-space. Water, ice, glaciers, vapor like clouds, the light steadily penetrating. A watery world, the heavy watery world above the day. merging with, the watery foggy world below. That day would not, had divided the vast world of water in to two separate bodies: the ocean, sea below the ocean, sea above, in suspension.



The anomalous character of water that makes all this possible. The percentage contraction is dependent on its structure.

(1) Not an element, but a combination, two. Hydrogen 2 parts, Oxygen 1 part. Both gases, yet  $H_2O$  a fluid. Hydrogen made expansion 7 times, gas of water a row at the all-had & case. O<sub>2</sub> gas the element responsible for all contraction. Put together, a liquid to quite over gas.

(2) Violates the law of contraction and expansion. Job 38:30 why does not the storm wind? 1) so, ice to the bottom, some the seas with, with, solid ice. Ocean contracts less. If impossible. But water violates the law of contraction, expansion.

Contraction:  
Most elements contract in loss of heat. So does water like all the rest. Down to about 38°F the ordinary molecules lose their hold as they break together to keep warm. Then a miracle. From 38° or down to the point of freezing, the water gains hold all the hold it had plus a large percentage more. It floats, about 1/7 of it sticks above the denser water.

Expansion:  
The opposite miracle when the ice is warmed. The law would say, ice heated, melted, would expand. But rather it contracts, loses hold until 38°F - then starts to expand until finally steam that floats in air.

from the water 7 1/2 Jm 8:13  
7:37  
flow 22:17  
flow 21:22 the rising 7 1/2

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