The Throne of God and the Waters that Surround Our Universe Fernando C. Castro

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There are three ways to receive information from our God: 1) His Revelation, 2) His Written Word, and 3) His Creation! If we overemphasize only one above the others, there is the risk of having an unbalanced believing.

Ps. 148:4-6 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens...

With our words today, we may say: '*Praise Him, ye outer space above the atmosphere, and ye waters that are above the outer space!*' Let's go now to one verse that describes things that God was doing, even before Gen. 1:1:

Pr. 8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I [wisdom] was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth

Because this is the depth associated with the heavens, this is the depth of waters surrounding the Universe; to them, God set a compass, this is: an elliptical (or 'circular') boundary, to prevent them, under normal conditions, from flooding, to prevent them from inundating the whole universe.

Flooding occurred:

1) When Lucifer rebelled and the whole universe was affected, 2) On the whole earth during the days of Noah.

The proof of the second flood seems to be:

1) The water in the dark side of the moon, 2) Water in the poles of Mars, 3) The water that makes the comets, 4) Water in the moons of the planets (such as in *Europa* surrounding Jupiter), etc...

Now, let's go back to the flooding of the Universe when Lucifer rebelled:

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

In the beginning, we understand that the earth was a profusely green planet, filled with plants, where dinosaurs roamed around, but with the absence of human beings.

<u>Gen. 1:2</u> And the earth was [became] without form [*tohu*] and void, and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

In verse two we have the mention of waters, and the Spirit of God moving above them. Apparently, the opposites were already there. Satan, who seems to be represented by that darkness upon the face of the deep, and on the other hand, by the Spirit of God; but God did not create the earth '*tohu*' ("without form" of Gen. 1:2 = "in vain" as we will read in Is. 45:18):

<u>Is. 45:18</u> For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain [*tohu*], he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

God did not create the earth "in vain" which equals to it being "without form" [both are the word '*tohu*' in Hebrew], so what made it that way? Let's 'see' now the innermost thoughts of Lucifer:

<u>Is. 14:12-14</u>...For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also ('enthroned', NIV) upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north ("on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain", NIV): I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

God was able to read the ambitious heart of Lucifer (who became Satan); please, notice that he wanted to be above the stars, in the sides of the north. The north alludes to the current Throne of God (his "sacred mountain" of the NIV).

Lucifer said that the north was above the stars and above the clouds; now, these clouds are the clouds that are above the waters that surround our Universe. Lucifer wanted to be like the most High, he wanted to be like God.

But God removed Lucifer from his initial position; and on his fall Lucifer apparently caused the first Universal catastrophe: The flooding of the whole Universe! But God, in His wisdom, knew how to solve the situation, how to fix the problem:

<u>Gen. 1:6-8</u> 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.

Here we see our God putting a dry space between the waters and the waters, here called "the firmament Heaven'. We can call it today with our current words: 'the outer space', the dark and lifeless space outside our earthly atmosphere.

Now, I want you to keep in mind that the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, then we read that God:

Job 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place ("space", NIV), and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

Now, imagine that! The Bible revealed from the beginning that the earth was floating over the empty space!

But there is more there: The north, "the sacred mountain", where the throne of God is right now, is also floating "over empty space" (NIV) [After a question from the audience, I added Ps. 75:6, and Bullinger's *Companion Bible*'s comment for it: *"Therefore it comes from the north. The immediate place of God's throne, to which Satan aspires."*] And, if we keep reading:

Job 26:9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.

These verses are giving us the image of the heavenly Throne of God as being suspended over the waters that surround our outer space, similar to Gen. 1:2, where we read that His Spirit was moving over the face of the waters!; in this case, we have the water that vaporizes, making not only the clouds that were mentioned by Lucifer, but the cloud of God that we read here. There are Nebulae in the outer space, but these clouds are even beyond... Do we have more Biblical evidence of the current place of the Throne of God? Yes, a lot! The next one I just heard it recently:

<u>Dt. 10:14</u> Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's (*Jehovah*'s) thy God (*Eloheka*), the earth also, with all that therein is.

With my paraphrase of it being: 'Consider the next words! The atmosphere and the heaven above the outer space belong to the Faithful One, your Creator, and the earth as well, with all that it contains!'

Job 22:12 Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!

Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost ("full of holy spirit", which is the gift, NEVER the giver Himself), looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God

Now, a scripture that shows how one prince was so filled with pride that he thought he was god, including the detail that his 'seat' was located in the midst of the waters, like God, was the prince of Tyrus:

Ez. 28:1-3 ... thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas...

The part that struck me as referring to the Throne of God is the one that says: "I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas." This man was so wise, wiser than Daniel; however, like Lucifer, he wanted to be in place of God, and he also wanted to be (or thought that he already was) in the place of God, including the fact of being surrounded by waters! God also:

<u>Ps. 104:3</u> ... layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who [God] maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind

I want to conclude by showing how the future Throne of God on the New Earth is described as if being, not only surrounded by waters, but actually generating those waters! In this case, generating another kind of waters: the rivers of living waters!

<u>Rev 22:1</u> And he [the angel] shewed me [John] a *pure* river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

So, what started in me as a desire to show from the Bible the scientific truths of water existing outside the earth, and outside the Universe, led me to find some of the most astounding Scriptures that describe the Throne of God as a place related, or associated, in one way or another, with waters of one kind or another. I want to conclude that the north, the sacred mountain where the throne of God is, the Bible says that is located above the empty space, or floating... as if this were telling us that God, from the beginning, had the deepest desire to dwell with His family, to dwell with His people, with His great Creation...