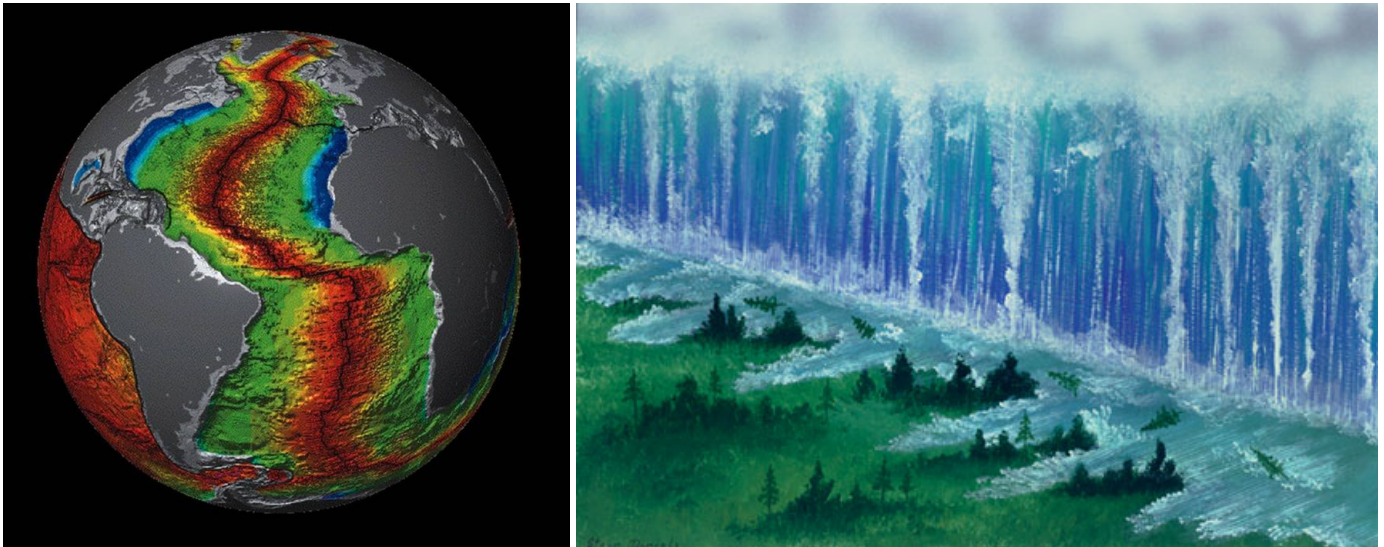


## Hydroplate Theory (HPT) Summary

HPT proposes that the “fountains of the great deep” of Genesis 7:11 were the result of a catastrophic rupture of the earth’s crust above a global interconnected subterranean ocean. HPT shows how the escape of these fountains from deep under the crust set in motion a series of linked physical events which provide scientifically grounded explanations for many of the features of earth’s surface, and the solar system observed today, including: deep-sea trenches, the Pacific ring of fire, strata, fossils, the Grand Canyon, limestone, **maria** - “the man in the moon”, frozen mammoths, comets, asteroids, and meteoroids.



The model also provides an explanation of many other features and events in Earth’s history, such as the ice age, mid-oceanic ridges, continental shelves and slopes, earthquakes, magnetic anomalies on the ocean floor, submarine canyons, coal and oil, methane hydrates in the ocean bottom sediments, major mountain ranges, overthrusts, volcanoes and lava, geothermal heat, metamorphic rocks, plateaus, the depth of the Moho, salt domes, the 90 East Ridge, tropical flora and fauna buried in arctic regions and the jigsaw puzzle “fit” of the continents.

The Hydroplate Theory proposes that at Creation the Earth's original crust (the “firmament”, or “expanse” in Gen 1:6) rested on the mantle and atop the waters of the “great deep”, by the “pillars” and “foundations” of the earth (1 Sam 2:8, Job 38:4-6, Psalm 75:3). In the days of Noah, a global rupture of earth’s crust produced the sudden release of massive amounts of subterranean water and rock. Some escaping water fell back onto the earth as rain. While some achieved escape velocity into space, along with about 3% of Earth’s crust, forming comets, asteroids, and meteoroids.

The Mid-Atlantic Ridge welled up through the Atlantic side of the rupture, and the Pacific trenches sank. The rising ridge caused the continent-sized hydroplates to slide

apart rapidly on a lubricating layer of water. As the lubricating water beneath the hydroplates diminished, the plates met resistance, decelerated, crushed, and buckled. Mountain ranges were pushed up in less than an hour—all with fossils of sea life on top.

The global sedimentary layers were deposited during the flood and as the floodwaters receded into newly formed deep ocean basins, erosion and other physical forces rearranged and distorted portions of the layers and other features. For years after the flood, the mountains settled down into the mantle, lifting the great plateaus, fensuing runoff formed the Grand Canyon, and submerging the land bridges between continents, leaving the earth looking much as we see it today.

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