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Three Possibilities of Interpretation of the Facts

Code: BP=Blood Precipitation C=Chance (as a causal explanation)

BS=Blood Similarity GR=Genetic Relationship (as a causal explanation)

D=Design (as a causal explanation)

It would appear that a combination of III and II would synthesize all biblical data. Blood Similarity between "kinds" would thus be explicable on the basis of Design. Blood Similarity within a "kind" would be explicable on the basis of Genetic Relationship.

D. THE EVIDENCE FROM GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION (BIOGEOGRAPHY)

1. The Argument Stated

"Just as palaeontology may be said to be a study of the vertical distribution (distribution in time) of organisms, so geographic distribution may be called a study of the horizontal distribution of organisms, on the earth's surface at any given time (spatial distribution)." (H. H. Newman)

This argument states that the facts of geographical distribution are such as to support the hypothesis that a species arises at one place, spreads out over large areas, becoming modified as it goes, and that new species are formed from old through modification after isolation from the parent-stock. This view is opposed to the view that each of the different plant and animal species was created in its present location (with the exception of migrants, of course), and also to the view that all of the same species that are in existence today, at some time in the past migrated from a common center to their present geographical location (thus positing the fixity of species).

"...when we examine the distribution of species over the surface of the earth, certain curious facts appear Regions that are very similar geographically often have very different populations. Where this is true, there are usually impassable barriers between the regions. On the other hand, regions that are very different often have the same kind of populations. In this case the two regions are either directly connected or have been sometime in the past. Facts of this kind can be explained if assume that all organisms are derived from ancient forms with modifications. But they cannot easily be explained in any other way." (Cora A. Reno, *Evolution, Fact or Theory*? pp. 57,58, quote)