Furthermore, in the course of time volcanic and coral islands have emerged from the oceans and have become populated."

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TWO BIBLICAL EVENTS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

Two biblical events and their interpretation relate to this question of geographical distribution. These events are the Creation of living things and the Noachian Flood. The first question, which must be raised is whether the Creation account is to be understood to teach the creation of living things in one geographical center or in many centers. The second question which must be raised is whether the Flood account is to be understood to teach the destruction of all living things (outside of the ark) universally or within a limited geographical area. A combination of these two questions yields four basic positions: