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Explain the following terms. Explain in detail which nations or people groups were developed during the various ages, i.e. bronze age. Explain what *Creatio ex nihilo* and the Levant have in common. Respond in at least one well-developed paragraph. One liners are not acceptable

1. Neolithic Age is the first real sign of village occupation in the Near East. This culture was centered on the Tigris-Euphrates river and some other places like Jericho and Ugarit in the Levant. There wasn't any doubt that Mesopotamia was a place of origin for the earliest remains in Egypt, long held to be the oldest, are now known to be a great deal later.

2. Chalcolithic Age was individual cultures that used copper to a large degree in the Fertile Crescent and made the first serious attempt to recognize archaeologically to live in cities. Sometimes during this period, great cities-states developed and sometimes became somewhat powerful and far-reaching in their influence.

3. The Bronze Age was a time from which there is a paucity of historical information, though the material remain from the area are really impressive. It becomes evident that cultures there are advancing, particularly in the Jordan Valley throughout most of this age, but for reason that has not been determined the civilization came almost to a standstill under the influence of thousands of seminomads from the north and east.

4. The Levant is a place in the Middle East that includes the historic areas of Palestine, Israel, and Syria. It is bordered by the Taurus Mountains to the north, the Mediterranean Sea to the west, the northern Arabian Desert to the south and the Upper Mesopotamia to the east, which includes countries extending from Greece to Cyrenaica.

5. *Creatio ex nihilo* is the verb used to describe the creative act, is what suggests "creation from nothing" furthermore it is used only with Deity. The scientific implication is clear. The mass, the totality of all that is, came purely and simply from nothing by divine fiat. This is a refreshing distinction from scientism, which says in so many words that everything exist must, in some form, have existed always.