

HOW ALL THINGS BEGAN

INTRODUCTION: In all ages man has pondered how the earth, the sky, living things, and he himself began. Many ingenious theories have been advanced, including the nebular, planetesimal and evolutionary theories. The Bible does not theorize as to how all things began. Rather, it states these matters simply as facts as follows:

- I. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Gen. 1:1).
 - A. The earth was without form void (v. 2).
 - B. Darkness was upon the face of the deep (v. 2).
 - C. The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters (v. 2).
 - D. God said, 'Let there be light (v. 3).
 1. There was light.
 2. God saw the light that it was good (v. 4).
 - E. God divided the light from the darkness (v. 4)".
 - F. God called the light Day (v. 5).
 - G. God called the darkness Night (v. 5).
 - H. The evening and the morning were the first day (v. 5).
- II. God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters" (v. 6).
 - A. And God made the firmament
 - B. The firmament divided the waters that were under it from the waters which were above it (v. 7). This firmament is what we generally call sky.
 - C. God called the firmament Heaven (v. 8).
 - D. The evening and the morning were the second day (v. 8).
- III. And God said, "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear" (v. 9). Consider how powerful the word of God is. In each item of creation, God merely *spoke*—and it was so!
 - A. God called the dry land Earth (v. 10).
 - B. The gathering together of the waters called he Seas (v. 10).
 - C. God saw that it was good.

- D. God said, "Let the earth bring forth."
 - 1. Grass.
 - 2. Herb yielding seed.
 - 3. Fruit tree.
 - a. Yielding fruit after his kind.
 - b. Whose seed is in itself.
 - E. It was so. (v. 11) The earth brought forth.
 - 1. Grass.
 - 2. Herb yielding fruit.
 - 3. Tree yielding fruit.
 - F. God saw that it was good (v. 12).
 - G. The evening and the morning were the third day (v. 13).
- IV. God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven To give light upon the earth." And it was so (vv. 14-15).
- A. God made two great lights:
 - 1. The greater light to rule the day (v. 16).
 - 2. The lesser light to rule the night (v. 16).
 - B. He made the stars also.
 - C. God set them in the firmament of the heaven (v. 17).
 - 1. To give light upon the earth.
 - 2. To rule over the day and night (v.18).
 - 3. To divide the light from the darkness (18).
 - D. God saw that it was good.
 - E. The evening and the morning were the fourth day (v. 19).
- V. God said, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven"—(v. 20).
- A. God created great whales and every living thing that moves, i.e., in water—(v. 21).
 - B. The waters brought forth abundantly after their kind (v. 21).
 - C. Every winged fowl brought forth after his kind (v. 21).
 - D. God saw that it was good (v. 21).

- E. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and Let fowl multiply in the earth" (v. 22).
- F. The evening and the morning were the fifth day.
- VI. God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind:" and it was so (v. 24).
 - A. God made:
 - 1. The beast of the earth after his kind (v. 25).
 - 2. Cattle after their kind.
 - 3. Everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind.
 - B. God saw that it was good.
 - C. God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (v. 26).
 - 1. God created man in his own image (v. 27).
 - a. In the image of God created he him.
 - b. Male and female created he them.
 - 2. God blessed them and said unto them—
 - a. Be fruitful and multiply.
 - b. Replenish the earth and subdue it.
 - c. Have dominion
 - (1) over the fish of the sea.
 - (2) over the fowl of the air.
 - (3) over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
 - 3. God said, "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat:" and it was so (vv. 29-30).
 - D. God saw everything that he had made, and, behold; it was very good
 - E. (v. 31).
 - E. The evening and the morning were the sixth day (v. 31).

VII. Thus were the heavens and the earth finished, and all the host of them (Gen. 2:1).

- A. On the seventh day God ended his work, which he had made (v. 2).
- B. God rested on the seventh day (v. 2) .
- C. God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it because that in it he had rested from all his work (v. 3).

NOTE: This completes Lesson 2.

Please study carefully, the previous pages,
then answer the list of questions concerning the lesson.

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1. Name three theories, advanced by man, as to how things began:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

2. Does the Bible theorize as to how things began? _____

3. From Gen. 1:1 name the method or means by which God brought the heaven and the earth into existence _____

4. Describe the condition of the earth when God first created it: _____

5. Out of the darkness, originally upon the earth, how did LIGHT come? _____

6. List what God created on the first day: _____

7. What did God create on the second day? _____

8. By what power did God create all things? _____

9. List what God created on the third day: _____

10. What did God call the dry land? _____

11. What did He call the gathering together of the waters? _____

12. List what God created on the fourth day: _____

13. List five reasons God gave for creating the sun, moon and stars:

(See Gen. 1:14, 15). _____

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14. List what God created on the fifth day: _____

15. In blessing the moving, living water creatures and the flying fowls, what did God command them? _____

16. List what God created on the sixth day: _____

17. What day was man created? _____

18. In whose image did God create man? _____

19. God said, "Let _____ make _____ in _____ ; after our likeness: and let them have _____ over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Fill in the blanks).

20. List four things God did on the seventh day: _____

Do you have a question?
