## In The Beginning God Created

If we will assume that the Bible is just what it says it is and what it apears to be, and study its books to know their contents, we will find there a whole series of books: that bears on the face of it the stamp of its Author; We will learn that the Bible is, in a unique and distinctive way THE WORD OF GOD. As Peter says cf:

II Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

The present-day view, held rather widely in certain University and College circles, that the Bible is a sort of age-long story of man's effort to find God: a record of man's experiences reaching after God, gradually improving his idea of God by building on the experiences of preceding generations. When it is said God spoke. They say: God did not really speak; but men put their ideas in language professing to be the words of God, while in reality it was only what men imagined about God. Thus the bible is reduced and made to appear, not a Divine book, but a human book, pretending to be Divine.

II Timothy 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

We reject this theory. We believe the Bible to be an account of God's effort to reveal Himself to man: God's own record of His dealings with men, His unfolding revelation of Himself to the human race.

The Bible teaches: God Himself directed and dictated the writing of the Bible which is a book, with human authors so completely under His control that the writing was the writing of God. The Bible was composed by many authors, over a period of many centuries, yet ONE BOOK It is, in itself, the outstanding Miracle of the Ages.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning ...

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning" does not mean that there was nothing before that event because: John 17:24 says: "there was love between the Father and the Son before", "in the beginning"; John 17:5 says :"the Father and the Son had Glory before", "in the beginning"; Ephesians1:4 says: "He has chosen us In Him before", "in the beginning"; Titus 1:2 says: God promised eternal life before"," in the beginning' and 11 Timothy 1:9 says: " God's own purpose and Grace was In Christ before , " in the beginning".

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. "GOD' comes from the Hebrew word "Eloheim" which is a plural noun. The Bible gives facts; it does not theorize or philosophize. It does not speculate. The Bible opens with the doctrine of God. Without discussing the being of God, this opening statement makes God "The Author of Creation".

"Created" Comes from the Hebrew word barraw' a singular verb meaning absolute to create, do, make by Divine Fiat. Webster's Dictionary says about Fiat: "A command or act of will that creates something without or as if without further effort". Create is therefore to make out of nothing using no matter or raw materials by Fiat. How? By faith.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

11 Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. If you accept the big bang theory, I have a question for you: Where did the original matter come from that exploded into the big bang? "In the beginning "would go back beyond the big bang by saying: God created out of nothing, by Faith, the primal stuff ... the Big Bang theory came from.

"Who Made God?" <u>Every</u> child asks this question. Either the world has been in existence Always, or, it was Made out of Nothing; one, or the other; yet we can conceive of neither. Our Galaxy contains 30 billion suns. The Milky Way is shaped like a thin watch, and is 200 thousand light years across! Yet there are hundreds of millions or even billions of Galaxies. When you consider it: because of the Hubble space telescope we can now understand what God was saying when He promised Abraham: "I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven and the sand upon the sea shore. There really are as many stars in heaven as grains of sand upon the sea shore.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

The word: "Said" is the Word of God -Jesus, and John says of the word cf:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The word existed before anything was formed, this proves Jesus was no part of creation. He pre-existed and therefore what was before creation must be eternal. Was the Word literal Greek Existed the Logos. John 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God. Proving Jesus is not a subornate being or in second place to God.

John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Made is to create and create is causing a thing to exist that before had no existence. Jesus is the Divine spoken word of God which created all things and He has pre-existed with God for all eternity.

John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. Not natural life but eternal life. John also says cf:

I John 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

John 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

This is both the heathen world and Jewish people for the Old Testament prophets were a lamp, beacon and light house for the world.

The next couple of verses are about it John the Baptist now Verse 8

John 1:8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

John 1:9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Jesus Christ is the spring and fountain that illuminates any who are being illuminated. "Commeth into the world" is just a common Rabbic saying meaning being born. John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

Did not acknowledge Him. The Jewish rulers knew full well He was a teacher sent from God.

John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Those of His own family, city, country, people, citizens, brethren and subjects received Him not.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

Power to become the sons of God is: the privilidge, honor, dignity or right.

John 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Born is regenerated. Jesus often repeats His obedience to the will of God: Jesus is the One who makes clear the Meaning and Destiny of Human Existence.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Dwelt is literally tabernacled in His bodily house, shrine or temple.

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him* 

Moses heard His voice, the children of Israel saw a cloud by day and fire by night and others saw manifestations of His presence. But He who has known Him from before in the beginning He hath declared Him.

Who created the universe? God the Word.

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Image is hidden splendor. Jesus is first born of the literally creator not creature, only in the sense that He is the Only Begotten Son of the Father because the next verse says He is the creator,

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

God spoke all things into being by the power of the Logos-Jesus.

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Before all things is He Jesus existed before all things therefore He is Deity. By Him all things consist is: Everything has a cause and effect. Therefore a continuation of that power and energy that created all things is necessary for creation to continue. Jesus is thereby the preserver of the cosmos.

God is just like Jesus. Jesus is just like God.

This passage we are about to read is one of the most magnificent passages in the Bible, having grandeur alongside the opening of Genesis and Gospel of John.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

At many times and in divers manners is literally many a part.

Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

The Hebrew writer begins with the lessor word to describe Jesus -Son and progress upward. If Jesus made the worlds, what is the nature of Christ, it must be Diety He can't be a created being if He made the worlds.

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Glory in the Greek here is Splendor in it's self like our sun not like our moon that is reflected splendor of the sun. Himself perged our sins with out help. Cf: Psalm 110:1ff.

Heb 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Better, Christianity is better than O.T. Pharisees worshiped angels but Jesus is the Son who receives the inheritance.

Heb 1:5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

Here the argument of silence. Where did God say these things? Psalm 2:7 and II Samuel 7:12ff.

Heb 1:6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

**Quotes Psalm 104:4** 

Heb 1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

God makes His angels appear many different ways.

Heb 1:8 But unto the Son *he saith,* Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom. Cf Psalm 45:6

Heb 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. Cf Psalm 45:7

Heb 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Now he address the Son as Lord and creator.

Heb 1:11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

2Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. An ono-mato-poetic word meaning the sound of the event will let every body know what is happening.

Heb 1:12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Changed, not destroyed or anniliated but renewed the Greek is made fresh as new heavens and new earth as Peter says cf:

II Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Again the argument of silence He never told the angels that only His Son Psalm 110:1ff.

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Christ is the Fulfillment of the O.T. Law, rather than the Administrator.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

When did history begin? When God the Word spoke it into being.

1 Corinthians 8:6 But to us *there is but* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him

Genesis 1:3-19 "Let " is a different Hebrew word than create. The work of the Creation was not simultaneous but a process. This is the truth of Genesis and the truth of Science. It is the time periods that "modern science has confused.

The Hebrew word "Let" is a subdivision of the Creation in which God is making, ordering and appointing these things by the power of His Word out of the building blocks He originally created by Fiat. It should be noted that this Progressive development is from the lower to the higher. It begins at the bottom and proceeds upward in an orderly fashion. How could Moses, the writer of Genesis, have gotten such information from the scientific knowledge of his day? If anything was placed in the wrong order it would not make scientific sense, such as animals created before grass or trees. Oxygen comes from grass and trees-Think! God revealed this to Moses! Had such a mistake been made, Genesis would be impossible. Speaking of this narrative, a skeptical scientific writer, an evolutionist said: "It would be scientifically correct enough, if it were not for one individual oversight and one unlucky blunder" The blunder he said was the use of the word "firmament" (vv.7-8). This skeptic was uneducated and did not know "firmament" is not in the Hebrew Bible and does not at all expresses the same sense of the word used by Moses. Instead of the idea of something firm and solid the Hebrew word signifies "something that is very thin extended, spread out" just the best word to signify the atmosphere.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Genesis 1:4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

The "Seven days" describes the Forming of substance already created, in preparation of the Earth's Surface for the Creation and Abode of Man.

Whether they were days of 24 hours, or long successive periods, we do not know. The cooling earth's crust must have sent up layers of mists and gases that completely shut out the sun's light.

Gen 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

Gen 1:7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so. Gen 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Again firmament here means the Atmosphere.

Gen 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

Gen 1:10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

Gen 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

Gen 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

Gen 1:13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

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Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Gen 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

Gen 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

Gen 1:17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

Gen 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

Gen 1:19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Thus the Sun, Moon, Stars: became visible on earth.

Gen 1:20 And 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.

Gen 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

Gen 1:23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Gen 1:24 And 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.

Gen 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

Gen 1:26 And 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.

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Gen 1:29 And 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.

Gen 1:30 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.

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Land Animals and MAN: "IN HIS OWN IMAGE".

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

Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

God Rested. Not absolutely but from this particular creative work.

Gen 2:4 These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

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