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Attention Please!

In science, and in DNA in particular, recent years have seen ground-breaking discoveries of great significance. The author of this e-book is convinced that if God the Creator were to speak directly about these discoveries, He would say something like this:

A Word from the Almighty

To all who live on the Earth: I want you to know that you are dearly beloved by Me!

There are three significant events in recent years that you should note especially. Each of them marks an occasion where I “engineered”, through well-known scientists and political leaders, a message for this generation. As I have often done in the past, I worked in the lives of present-day scientists and political leaders and caused them to do My bidding. What I accomplished through them I have intended as an important message for this generation!

1. I, The God of Heaven, have chosen to share the secret code I used in the making of all living things on Earth. That code was “cracked” (with My permission) by James Watson and Francis Crick, in February, 1953. It is known as “The Genetic Code of Life”, and it has been widely known and used now for fifty years, in particular to unlock the mysteries of DNA.
2. I, as The Creator, have chosen to plainly reveal how I formed each living thing—through a Life Strand, --a strand of DNA (genetic information), just as I Created it, plus the instructions for Copying (the replication process) and then Controlling (the activating process) that genetic information. This was accomplished when “Dolly”, the sheep, was cloned from a single chromosome taken from another adult sheep, on February 23, 1997, and demonstrated that the genetic blueprint found on a DNA strand does in real fact represent a true, living organism.

3. I, the Almighty, have chosen to provide (through the Human Genome Project) a detailed look at a representative strand of DNA. This Strand is one of the chief means I used in My work of bringing Life to Planet Earth. The Project was carried out under a $3 billion project sponsored primarily by the U.S. Government and carried to completion by a considerable body of renownd scientists. Its successful completion was publicly announced by President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Tony Blair on May 9, 2003.

I appeal to you: take My message to heart! I ask you to review with fresh eyes My work of Creation, and especially My work of bringing Life to Planet Earth.

Your Loving Creator,

The Almighty One
Where we stand: On Twin Pillars, True Faith and True Science.

**True Faith** is an uncomplicated acknowledgement that there is a God who lives and is fully capable of doing what He has said He would do. We choose deliberately to believe in a Big God, One great and powerful enough that He is able to accomplish everything He has said He would.

In the same vein, we have sought to hold a position as close as possible to the unvarnished, original intent of the words of Scripture.

**True Science** is the plain, straightforward investigating of tangible features of our world, together with plain, honest reporting of the findings. This includes the nanoworld of atoms and molecules. More than 90% of science in general is elevated to the highest level when seen this way!

Science is defined in the dictionary as: “A branch of knowledge dealing with a body of facts or truths systematically arranged and showing the operation of general laws,” and “systematic knowledge of the physical or material world gained through observation and experimentation.”

Following this definition, we limit ourselves to what can be called “true science”, setting aside “speculative science,” or theorizing concerning things which are too remote, either in time or in distance, to be scrutinized. We will use two ikons:

**Bible references.** We seek to highly honor God’s Word, especially Genesis One.

**Science related material.** We look for the latest authoritative information.
Pause a moment…

To gain the most from these pages, we invite you to join us in these words…

“O God, the Great Creator, Will You please open my eyes and illumine my heart to show me the greatness of Who You are and what You have accomplished in our world. Amen.”

“Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure His greatness”

Psalms 145:3. NLT
A Planet Transformed!

From a Dark, Desolate Rock
to a Verdant, Vibrant World

God Did it! In 168 Hours!

In my 80-plus years, I have traveled the world many times –from East to West, North and South, criss-crossing five continents. (I’ve missed out on Australia and Antarctica!) I find our world a fascinating place!

Today, I sit high in our 21st floor apartment near Vancouver looking out over three stupendous mountain ranges, some near, some far.
The scenery is stunning—and constantly changing. This morning the sun shone brilliantly on some snow-tipped mountain ridges on the horizon. Right now, the clouds have rolled in, all but obscuring the snowcapped peaks peeking from behind the near-at-hand mountains.

*It’s a Wonderful, Wonderful World!*  
The intriguing question: How did it get here? What happened to give it its present shape? And how come the news today reports that the Mars landing, after a five-year probe, found nothing but rocks and extremes, sometime hot and sometimes cold? Do we have the only place with trees and rivers and living things?

Just how did it all come to be? I turn to my-well-plugged-in computer screen, and the answer comes back: four billion years ago, there was a Big Bang in the universe. As the fragments scattered, they somehow came together to become what they are today. No one was needed to plan it all. Everything came about in a long sequence of random happenings, marked by fortuitous accidents.

Many of our most brilliant scientists insist this is how it all came about!

And on Planet Earth, a kind of primeval “soup” developed. One day, lightning struck! And the random forces at work resulted in one living amoeba. It multiplied. And multiplied again. Eventually, it resulted in a simple form of living matter, then into more complex living forms. And the result? That simple amoeba grew into what we see today, all of this beautiful world of ours,
including the trees and the animals. Again, no planning of any kind!

Oh yes, as life became more complex, there developed a series of accidents in the growth process. These accidents, or mutations in the genetic development, grew into permanent changes. Each aspect of each living thing “learned to adapt” to its surroundings, and grew naturally to overcome the barriers which stood in its way. And that is how each plant and tree, each animal and bird, developed into what it is today! Again, no planning, no control. All random happenings!

At this point, I must make a confession. I have tried honestly, and tried diligently, to wrap my mind around that answer. But I admit, even though it has become the conventional wisdom of our day, I cannot do it. That answer given simply does not match the clear and obvious facts!

So I press on in my quest for a satisfying answer.

Seen from another angle, the world around us poses fascinating questions.

How can that clump of majestic pine trees outside my window keep green year after year, reaching down to their roots for moisture and nutrients and carrying them up to their top-most branches--while everything else flows down? And by what mysterious process does the tree take those nutrients, expose them to the sunlight, mix them with a common element in the air (CO$_2$) and make them into a living branch? After all, the moisture, the rays of the sun and the CO$_2$ are each from a totally different dimension! It’s not as though I were taking three
spoonfuls of sugar and adding them to the chef’s cake batter. It’s more like taking a spoonful of sugar, adding a cup of plain air, mixing it, and trying to heat it over the kitchen stove! It just doesn’t work!

Yet this flow of the tree’s sap upward pictures precisely what goes on in every tree, every blade of grass—every day! This comes about without anyone’s planning or forethought? Without the intelligent direction of a Wise Creator?

The process of photo synthesis is well known in the world of science, a complex process taking three elements -- water (with its nutrients from below the soil), carbon dioxide (CO₂ from the air), plus the rays of the sun (for energy) and by a wonderful and amazing process producing chlorophyll, the molecule which forms the basis for the life of the tree. The same process is seen in every form of plant life and produces oxygen as a “waste” product which is then made use of by plants and animals for respiration.

Smart trees, I would say! Especially when the trees end up pumping life-giving oxygen back into the air as part of the process!

My innate curiosity pushes me on. And I find myself ever less satisfied with the answer that keeps coming to me: “accumulated mutations”, “millions of years!”

Is there really no other answer? Apparently not--at least not if one is searching through the thousands upon thousands of scholarly tomes
lining the shelves of the libraries we have here in Canada and elsewhere. Nor does a search of scientific studies on the worldwide Internet turn up such a satisfying answer.

**The Authoritative Sources Cited In This E-book**

The authoritative statements we present are from the most widely circulated book in history, God’s own Book, the Bible. They are considered among the most authoritative and reliable statements to be found anywhere.

**We will be using this symbol of an Open Book to indicate direct quotations from the Bible.**

The translation of Bible portions used throughout this e-book has been prepared with great care, including comparison with the original Greek and Hebrew texts. It will be best considered an amalgamation from various reliable sources, rather than as a new rendering. The reader is urged to select one good translation for general reading (the author recommends NLT, ESV and NIV—all readily available online at Bible Gateway.com). See also “All the Bible has to say about Creation” (Appendix 4).

Conventional wisdom tells me, “You can’t go down that path! We have developed a ‘consensus’ that such thinking leads nowhere. The very thought of intelligent control must be rejected. It is mere superstition. We have concluded among ourselves that science has forever closed that door!”

But sometimes conventional wisdom stumbles! Once, the overwhelming consensus of scholars and wise men agreed, “The world is
flat! If you go too far, you’ll fall off the edge!” Until someone actually sailed around the world and proved it to be not flat, but round! The consensus of the day was wrong, wrong, wrong!

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now, the earth was an empty wasteland, devoid of living things, in complete darkness. The Spirit of God was hovering with anticipation over the surface of the waters. (Genesis 1:1, 2)

Actually, there turns out to be an insistent voice that challenges conventional wisdom. It is the Voice of Someone who claims to have made it all! And with careful planning and detailed forethought!

He claims to have made everything, including the birds and the animals, the fish and the people. So we ask the obvious question: why cannot I accept the claims He has made? Why not investigate those claims?

“Preposterous! That would be simply out of the question!” comes the curt answer. “We are a super intelligent generation, well-educated and knowledgeable. Such superstition is below us! To think that someone, and especially someone we cannot see with our own eyes, could have
made this world in which we live, is simply preposterous superstition! We will not give it a second thought!”

But the Voice persists: “I made it. With my own Hands, I made it all!” And resisting the contrary clamber of conventional wisdom, we set out to look at these “preposterous” claims.

Is there any truth in them?

I propose that we set off on an intriguing odyssey to check out these claims. The journey begins with a lifeless piece of rock called Planet Earth, when it was still in its original state, with deep crevasses marking its surface, hurtling through outer space.

The journey will take seven days—168 hours. And it will take us step-by-step through the first week of Earth’s history. The destination? If these “preposterous” claims turn out to be true, it will end with a stunningly beautiful picture of a vibrant new world, overflowing with such a variety of living things as to stagger the imagination!

To make our trip truly meaningful, we will want to take along three things:

1. *The Book* in which these claims are presented in detail.
2. Our discerning and *well-read Observer*, with all the latest information concerning the world around us. He is committed to our criteria of True Science, to the actual observation of tangible things (as opposed to mere theories), and to honest reporting of the facts (including things in the world of atoms and molecules).

First, let’s see if we can find these three essentials. Ready? Let’s go!

**The Incredible Book**

We take up the Book handed to us—the one that claims to tell the story of earth’s beginnings. What does it say?

Glancing at Page One, we find,

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

And on the first few pages of The Book, we find a remarkable account of a Creator God and the amazing work He accomplished. Further on, we even have this Creator’s own first-hand description of His work! Listen!

> “I have made the earth and created man upon it. I, with My own hands, have stretched out the heavens and set in place the host of stars they contain.” *(Isaiah 45:11, 12).*  
> “I have made the earth, and the men and animals that are on the face of the earth, by My mighty power and My outstretched arm.” *(Jeremiah 27:5)*
If it’s true, it is truly amazing! Reading on in those early pages of The Book, we find eighty verses in three full chapters presenting a detailed picture of what a Great Creator accomplished over a period of seven days.

Seven days, mind you—168 hours!

Here, in only 120 words or so, a picture is painted of an amazing transformation! The planet goes from being an empty wasteland, devoid of life and in total darkness, to a luxuriant New World, throbbing with life and peopled by millions of vibrant living creatures!

All in seven days! A remarkable claim indeed!

Anything about the purpose for which the New World was made? And how it came to be in its present condition? Are these further details given? Well, yes. And reading through the rest of The Book, we find that The Book itself even claims to be a gift sent from heaven. We could call it, “The Incredible Book.”

And thumbing through it, we uncover more than a hundred and sixty statements, some long, some short, where further details are given! It’s really a staggering array of information, including seventeen places that tell how the foundations of the new world were laid out! Quite amazing!

“Sounds like quite a comprehensive Guidebook for our seven-day Journey!” our Observer comments.
The Amazing World of Nature

For our next essential, we turn to look at the world around us. We gaze in wonder at its spacious skies, its flowing rivers, its majestic mountains, the amazing way it all meshes together. It turns out to be a marvelous world, functioning effectively, meshing together in an amazing way. It is an awe-inspiring world indeed!

If all of this first came into being during that first amazing week, how much has it changed since? We realize that it is, after all, the same world! And we realize that it will still reflect, at the very least, something of the wonders of that first amazing week in the earth’s history!

So we look for ways to expand our understanding of the world around us. And we find in our well-stocked libraries a wealth of information, from men and women who have dedicated their lives to observing this world of ours and searching out even the mysteries involved. Their insights help us greatly and we are deeply grateful for them.

To keep us fully abreast of these available insights, we look for a competent Observer—and find one readily available, giving us moment-by-moment access to a whole wide world of helpful information. We invite him along, as a member of our expedition.
But here, a problem looms. In seeking to push forward the frontiers of knowledge, men of science have added novel theories to the clearly observable facts. These are designed to explore new possibilities. Perhaps there is a new reality out there. Let’s check it out and see, they say. Sometimes it turns out to be a new and wonderful unveiling of something not seen or recognized before. Sometimes, it leads nowhere and the underlying theory has to be abandoned.

How does this affect our Journey? After all, we are looking for clear, demonstrable fact, not the theories that men may have developed.

So, we simply agree that for the purpose of our journey we will limit ourselves to those facts that point out clearly what our world is and how it functions. The speculative areas we will set aside, waiting for another day when they may, or may not, prove to be true.

For the purposes of this study we have chosen to accept those views and statements which are backed by a consensus of five or more reliable and reputable sources, such as the Encyclopedia Britannica and the well-documented research of reputable Universities. When at least five such sources agree as to the facts involved, we accept that consensus as reasonably reliable, including the careful research into the world of atoms and molecules, the so-called “nanoworld” of modern science.

With this understanding we press forward, confident in our grasp of the plain facts concerning the world around us.
We soon find that in books and magazines, and especially on the Internet, there is a wealth of information we can use to help in our quest, and that meets our criteria. We find that knowledge of our world is increasing daily, to an extent that staggers the imagination, and is being made available to us freely through the instant communication system that is the Internet. We realize that we have a truly wonderful “window” on the world, one that will be exceedingly meaningful as we proceed with our Journey, especially to our keen Observer.

The internet especially provides a wealth of up-to-date and reliable information, though the sources often need to be checked carefully. Virtually every word and concept of scientific discovery can be researched and confirmed in this way.

But what of that capable Guide, our remaining need? We discover there is one readily available! A Master Teacher, and One who is amazingly knowledgeable, both of the world around us and of the Incredible Book before us.

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, (Helper, Encourager—margin) who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.” (John 14:16,17). In this presentation our "Guide" is not so much intended to reflect the Holy Spirit in His exalted heavenly place, but rather His work when He indwells a believing heart and gives guidance and encouragement to the believer.

But that leads me to the story of another journey!
My Incredible Odyssey

My own incredible journey begins on a hot summer’s night.

Darkness has descended over Eagle Ridge Hospital where I lay, restless and despairing. The vital signs on the monitor above my hospital bed are inching lower and lower. I have not eaten for several days. None of the steps ordered by the doctors in their frequent calls seem to be having the desired effect. I wonder, “O Lord! Is this the moment of Your call? If so, I relish the thought of the glories of Heaven and of stepping into Your Presence!”

But then, quite unexpectedly, the atmosphere in that darkened hospital room changes!

My mind is drawn to an aging servant of the Lord at a crucial moment in his life. His name is Paul. He is in the custody of Julius, an officer of the Imperial Regiment, and is being taken to the great metropolis, Rome.

Acts 27:1-44 gives the account of the Apostle Paul’s shipwreck.

The urgent call has just gone out that the ship on which he is sailing has run aground! It is sinking, torn apart by violent waves! All 276 passengers on board face certain death in the raging waters. Staring at the towering mountains of water that come crashing down on their doomed ship, everyone is expecting the next wave to be his last!
But the man in chains stands and raises his voice above the howling winds. “Don’t be afraid, men! Get some food in your stomachs! You haven’t eaten for two weeks! Tonight, an angel of the God I serve stood beside me and assured me that not one single life would be lost in this storm! We will all get to land safely! Take courage, men! It will be just as God has told me!”

Sure enough, in a short time the winds shifted. Each man grabbed a piece of the broken ship—and everyone got to land safely! Not one was lost! And Paul, the servant of the Living God, was able to carry on with his God-given task. God had indeed given him a new lease on life!

Somehow, my restlessness ceased as I relived this event. In its place, the quiet confidence of a child in his Father’s arms. My heart responded, “Like Paul, I can say I have had a mission given to me by God, and it is not yet complete—telling the story of Creation and its wonders to this generation. And it was as though the Creator Himself stood beside me and whispered, “You shall not die, but live! You will tell of the loving care I have expressed in My work of Creation. I still have work for you to do!” I turned over in my hospital bed, and slept like a baby! In the morning, they brought breakfast. And though I had not eaten for several days, I wolfed it down. All of it! Within a few days I was discharged from Eagle Ridge Hospital, still faltering in step but buoyant in spirit.

God in His mercy had reached down, and touched me!
With that same mighty Hand that made our world, He had touched me! And that touch was all I needed!

I had found the capable Guide needed for our seven-day Journey—none other than the Holy Spirit Himself! He was the very One who had superintended the writing of the Incredible Book and guided its forty or more writers. He knew every jot and tittle of the Book, in great detail! He would be able to guide unerringly to the significance of every word written.

He also knew all about that First Week of the world’s history. He knew what had transpired. After all, He was there! He had worked on the planning and knew exactly how the work had progressed through its various stages.

What a Guide! And He was making Himself available for the Journey!

Where should I pick up the thread of my own personal quest? “Foundations!” The word had gripped me as I had come on the astounding claim that God had made, “I, with My Own Hands laid the foundations of the world.” Often overlooked, I had come on a most vital part of the work of Creation. Now I could go on and look further into this amazing subject. And it was as though the Great Creator Himself were standing right there with me, ready to show the way.
“Your Creator, (is) the one who stretched out the sky like a canopy and laid the foundations of the earth… ‘I stretched out the sky like a canopy and laid the foundations of the earth.’” (Isaiah 51:13, 16)

So what was the first “lesson” as He began His marvelous guided tour? That to fully understand “The Foundations” is beyond human reach! Those foundations are too wonderful for human understanding! Our Capable Guide takes us to Jeremiah and reminds us:

1. We are not capable of measuring the heavens (they are simply too vast!), and
2. We are not capable of exploring the Foundations of the Earth (they are simply too complex, too wonderful!)

“This is what the Lord says, ‘Just as the heavens cannot be measured, and the foundations of the earth cannot be explored…’” (Jeremiah 31:37)

These Foundations are so marvelous and so mysterious as to leave us in dazed amazement at the wonder of them! Nevertheless, we can dip our toes in the vast ocean of mystery surrounding them and learn to appreciate the fringes of what a Great Creator has done.

So we learn in “lesson one” in the company of our Guide to look with deep humility at the Foundations the Creator laid, realizing they are
among the wonders of His unfathomable Wisdom. But our Guide beckons on, and we follow…

The Book in hand. Our eyes scanning the world around us, our discerning Observer ready with detailed explanations.

Our amazing Guide leading the way!
1. *Getting Acquainted with The Supreme One*

“Before launching on our seven-day Journey,” suggests our faithful Guide, “Let’s meet the One who made the very first Journey, the Great Originator Himself. We will be tracing His steps as He works His way through those history-making days!”

“Come to think of it,” enthuses our Observer, “our world must have gone through a truly great transformation at that time! We will want to see what steps the Creator took. It will be very meaningful!”

Just who is He?
“The Supreme One,” explains our very knowledgeable Guide, “dwells in the dimension of Eternity, where expanses of Time and Space melt into one great Now. In never-ending glory He reigns over the Universe!”

“He is in every way suited as the Great Creator,” he continues. “There are found in Him the ultimate in power and wisdom, and in knowledge and beauty. What He can conceive, He is able to bring into being. Nothing is beyond the reach of His Great Arm.”

In the Bible, His self-portrait, He describes Himself as:

~ The high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, the Almighty One who rules in heaven (Psalm 2:4).
~ One “sitting on a lofty throne,” with angels singing, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.” (Isaiah 6:1).
~ The One “who sits above the circle of the earth,” that is, He stands outside our world, and “the people below must seem to Him as grasshoppers!” (Isaiah 40:22).
~ One who is altogether unique, with the purest of pure motives in all He does.

Of very special interest is that He calls Himself “the Alpha and the Omega”, “the First and the Last; I alone am He.” (Isaiah 41:4). He will have the first word, and the last!

Where He, the Great King dwells, there amid overflowing beauty and melodious harmony dwells unsullied, unselfish love. He is the Lord God Almighty, the Lord of Glory!
On an Eternal Throne, this Great God sits alone. Yet, in a mysterious fashion, as Three Persons. The Three are bound together in such a perfection of love that they move as One, always of One Mind, always with fully shared purposes. Always moving with the same power and wisdom and authority, and in such total oneness that the Three are One!

What One does, the Others share. What One says, the Others echo. What One thinks and dreams and plans, the Others in perfect harmony think and dream and plan. There are Three: the ever-living Father, the ever-loving Son and the ever-working Holy Spirit.

And they are, in eternal mystery, One! “In the beginning.... God!” The great, Eternal Three-in-One!

“It seems,” our Guide says, expanding further on who God is, “that somewhere along the corridors of Eternity, there crept into the heart of the Supreme One a Great Desire.”

An unfulfilled desire, in the Almighty One? It was not a desire for fresh galaxies; they with ease could be brought into existence. Nor was it a desire for glowing opulence; that too could be provided in a moment. His Eye saw something far greater than any of these.

What was it?
“I must have one like Myself. One who will enjoy with Me the beauty and the harmony. One with whom I may enjoy love-filled, heart-union fellowship.”

“He must be a free, unfettered spirit, like I am. Not an automaton, moved by compulsion. A pure and undivided spirit moved by the love and devotion that fills My Heaven, moving freely and willingly, out of pure gratitude and unforced devotion!”

And all Heaven fell silent at the realization that the Eternal One, the God of Perfection, had such an unfulfilled desire.

His Heart pictured a previously unheard of “being.” He would not be like the myriad of heavenly servants, the angelic hosts. They served Him faithfully day and night. They with holy joy sang His praises continually; for that purpose they were made.

“My desire is for one who will worship and serve Me with a free, unfettered spirit.”

“I must have MAN!”

The concept filled His thoughts. Man! Pure and holy. Free and unfettered. A friend and confidant of the all-loving Three in One!

In His Mind’s Eye, the Almighty One conceived a Great Plan. It would provide for this Man, his surroundings, his physical form, his every need.
And the Eternal One’s Plan for the New World was born!

First, there must be a Place for this new “being.” It must be a Place designed especially for him. It must be a place flooded with all the joys and delights befitting one greatly loved by the Supreme One.

It must be a place in which the Eternal One Himself could find pleasure as He enjoyed friendship and fellowship with His soon-to-be companion—as it were, in the cool of a perfect summer evening! In that place, the Ever-living One would delight in holy, unsullied, unhurried communion with a free and freely devoted companion.

“Planet Earth!”

It will be a place of unparalleled harmony. It will be a place overflowing with everything Man’s heart could long for, where a new kind of beauty and a new kind of harmony will bathe everything in a continual cascade of delights.

It will be a place, too, where Man will not only roam in joyful freedom but also reign in happy responsibility. Man would be not God’s friend only, but God’s Regent, with delegated responsibility to oversee this new world.
This is what the Lord says, the One who created the heavens, the God who fashioned the earth and made it, who established it and created it, not as an empty waste place, but He formed it to be inhabited. “I am the Lord and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:18). The Lord your Maker, the One who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth says, “I am the Lord, your God, who planted the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth.” (Isaiah 51:13, 16).

Fear God and give glory to Him. Worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and the fountains of water (Revelation 14:7).

The living God made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything that is in them. (Acts 14:15).

Through believing what God has said we have come to know that the worlds were planned and brought into being at the command of God, so that the things which are seen were not made from things that are visible. (Hebrews 11:3).

**A Fiery Ball**

The Great Creator began with a fiery ball, 40,000 kilometers in circumference, and set it precisely in orbit around the sun. At its core were huge amounts of rock and minerals, super-heated and molten. The rock layers were in constant, slow-flowing motion, held together by strong forces of gravity.
The Master Builder then put into place a hard but fragile crust, made from the hardening of flowing magma from its interior. This crust was in thickness a mere 70,000 meters at the most, like the skin of an apple in relation to its total size. But it enclosed the fiery ball like a leather cover, containing the ebb and flow of the magma beneath. This was Planet Earth, the location specifically and lovingly chosen for the Man who would soon appear!

But now, before the Creator introduced living things to that planet, it was dark and barren! Deep crevasses marked its uneven surface. Planet Earth was nothing more than a vast emptiness, shrouded in total darkness. Except for one thing! God, the Eternal One, had plans in mind for it. The Spirit of God, the Executive Arm of the Great Three-in-One, came to survey the globe in preparation for the creative energy that would soon burst on the scene! With the greatest of loving care, He viewed every aspect of the surface of Planet Earth, and with anticipation waited and prepared.

Just as a mother eagle high in her mountain nest might wait patiently for the fulfilling of the promise carried in her nestful of eggs, so the Spirit of God waited in anticipation for the fulfillment of the plans carried in God’s heart. Those plans were soon to burst into glorious reality!
“The earth was an empty wasteland, devoid of living things, in complete darkness.” (Genesis 1:2)

~No millions of years to deal with! Time had not yet been inaugurated.
~No creatures scurrying about! No dinosaurs or other animals, anywhere.
~No water. The force binding molecules together, had not yet been introduced.
~No light! Just eerie, inky-black darkness. ~No life! The earth was empty and barren, a howling wilderness!

Until.... a Glorious God stepped in!

In just 168 surprise-packed hours, He transformed that barren wilderness with His magnificent hand! He brought life to that dead planet. He fashioned that globe into a flourishing world, overflowing with stunning beauty and vibrant life!

And He started from “Zero”! The magnificent work that ensued would be entirely HIS HANDIWORK!

But for now, there was nothing beyond the stark rocks of an empty planet. Not a blade of grass! Not one creature scurrying about! Nothing with life in it, not a single tree or plant!

Earth was empty! Lifeless! Enveloped in darkness! God started from Point Zero when He introduced Life into an otherwise dead Planet Earth! The resulting wonders of the New Creation would be entirely His work, a glorious display of His handiwork!

God Laid the Foundations

There are seventeen references in the Bible to the important fact that God, the Creator, “laid the foundations of the earth”. That is, He laid out the foundational plan, the purposes and the materials to be used, as part of His overall purpose.”
The Lord your Maker, the One who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth says, “I am the Lord, your God, who planted the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth.” (Isaiah 51:13, 16).

What, specifically, are “The foundations of the earth?” I carefully looked at the Scriptures involved, and learned the parameters and purposes of these foundations. Then, I reviewed the findings of science (looking at tangible things that were clearly part of God’s creation), and I concluded there were four foundations that could be identified:

1. The natural laws (the law of gravity, the laws of physics and chemistry, etc).
2. Radiant energy (electro-magnetic energy, commonly used throughout the world).
3. The world of atoms and molecules (including all 118 types of atoms)
4. The life strand (the DNA strand, plus genetic information for its main functions).

These four foundations were then set in place by the morning of the First Day, and were activated before God gave His first creative command, “Let there be light.” The light God created that First Day was not the light of the sun; that came on Day Four. Rather, it was Radiant Light (the kind of light that can be seen by the human eye and that requires Radiant (EM) Energy. It has from the beginning been a major energy source in our world, and would have been an adequate light source for the first three days).

One of these foundations (radiant energy) was required for the light the Creator was making. Consequently, it becomes clear that, in preparation for the First Day, the Creator would have set in place the four foundations. Then, on the First Day, He “turned on the switch”, as it were. And “There was light!”

The force that holds molecules together (the intra-molecular force) turns out to be one form of this radiant light, binding even molecules of water together—and would therefore have been included as part of God’s command, “Let there be light!”

One problem with the original Genesis text remains. How could verse two in the first chapter refer to “the face of the deep?” (often translated as “the face of the deep waters”), and “the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the deep waters”? There are two parts to the answer:

1. In the first case, the original Hebrew word does not specifically indicate water, but means literally, “deep places of the earth,” indicating possibly an uneven surface of the globe at that stage. It would be better translated, “darkness covered the surface of the earth,” or “the earth was in complete darkness. 2. In the second case, this would be describing the activities of the Spirit of God in preparation for the First Day (as a surveyor might scrutinize a piece of land before building begins). The four foundations were in place and the new Radiant Light had been introduced. As well, it is possible that water was made as an early special creation. However, it is more consistent with the flow of events in this passage for these activities to be placed in the early hours of the First Day, as the author of this e-book has done.
2. Those Amazing Foundations!

The Four Foundations the Creator Made
...and Built Upon

Our Journey begins! It will indeed be an adventure in discovery! “This is going to be exciting,” exclaims our inquisitive Observer. “We will get to see the actual foundations. They tell us these are absolutely unique, never seen before!”

“Yes, the Creator specially designed them for the unique world He had in mind,” our Guide chimes in. The Great Builder was setting out in a new direction—a direction never before seen in all the Universe. He contemplated the barren, rocky planet before Him. It was empty, shrouded in darkness! It was without any sign of life! But in the eye of the Master Architect, that barren, rocky planet was like a painter’s canvas—fresh and new, waiting for the first stroke of the Master’s brush.

Etched in the Creator’s eye was the blueprint for a delightful New World. It would be defined by the freedoms and limitations of
In the beginning, You Lord laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. (Hebrews 1:10).

All things were created by Christ who is the visible image of the invisible God, in the earth and in the heavens, visible and invisible. All things were created through Him and for Him. He existed before all things, and in Him all things are held together (Colossians 1:16, 17). He… lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and all things that are in it, the earth and everything that is on it and the sea and everything that it contains. (Revelation 10:6). “Did not My hand make all these things?” (Acts 7:50).

the time-space dimension--radically different from anything known elsewhere. There would be life abounding, with myriads of living creatures scurrying about. There would be grass and trees, living things. There would be a new kind of beauty, a sea and sky forming the backdrop for a thriving world of animals and birds and fish.

And it would be complete with a unique environment that would abundantly supply every need of the creatures who would dwell there.
The Great Creator was poised to begin His work. This New Creation would embrace the whole of Planet Earth, a globe of 40,000 kilometers. It would serve as a well-provided dwelling-place for men and animals, fish and birds—a vast host of delightful, vibrant beings, full of life and vigor.

As with any new building, the Creator first directed His attention to the foundations. He did not call for a fleet of wheel barrows and a supply of concrete! The picture He had in mind called for a radically new kind of foundation, something never before seen. It would be built on a new set of concepts, using a new kind of building material, like no other. It would function on new dynamic, foundation-like principles.

**The Foundations, 1**

**GRAVITY**

*The Force that Holds it All Together*

We notice first that everything holds together and seems safely anchored to the surface of the earth.

“Amazingly, no one understands just *how*, but everyone understands that *it works,*” says our enquiring Observer. “The force is called *Gravity* and it pulls everything toward the center of the earth. And
that is why things seem to be safely anchored down. They don’t fly off into space, a tremendous stabilizing force!”

Gravity, we discover, is one of the four fundamental forces in the New World. The Creator had carefully calibrated its strength to meet the precise need of creatures on the earth. Though its way of working remains a mystery its results are obvious and exceedingly helpful!

“But gravity, important as it is, is only one of a long list of fundamental laws which the Creator inaugurated,” explains our Guide. “Some of the others cover the laws of motion, the laws of heat exchange, the laws of physics, and the laws of chemistry.”

“Each of these was clearly established by the Creator Himself and was set in place as part of a total pattern,” says our Guide. “These laws have remained stable over the years since. Scientists have just in recent times discovered many of their hidden secrets.”

We are tempted to linger longer at this first section of the foundation. But we must move along.
We learn that everything that lives and moves requires energy, and begin wondering where this energy will come from in the New World.

“Even in our human bodies, there is a kind of low level electric current on which the body depends,” our inquisitive Observer states. “This is not often recognized, but the need is there, and it is a vital function of our bodies. A good example is the pacemaker some folks must use, to electrically stimulate their weakened hearts.”

We learn too that even the inside of a tiny atom is really a world of frenetic, electrically-charged activity, requiring energy. And there are a host of other areas as well, especially in the world of nature, where energy is required. Think of the clouds moving across the sky!

Where will all this energy come from?

Our inquisitive Observer has something to say. “I think I know,” he says. “I heard recently about a unique kind of energy called Radiant Energy. It is made of two components, electric energy from the center of the earth and magnetic energy from the earth’s huge magnetic fields. It seems that the Creator joined these two to form electro-magnetic energy and make it freely available everywhere throughout the earth.”

“Sounds like an ideal answer to a great need”! we respond.
We discover that this amazing energy is so commonly available that people on the earth have simply taken it for granted! In the world of science, it is known as Radiant Energy (because of the way it “radiates” along its given path at the speed of light), or technically, as “electromagnetic energy.” And it is one of the fundamental forces of the world, along with gravity! It is very versatile, changing its function as needed to cover a wide range of energy needs, from a great lightning strike to the movement inside an infinitesimally small atom!

“But the truly amazing thing is this,” our well-informed Observer says. “The light waves move at various speeds and at those different speeds show different characteristics -- dramatically different!”

“Sounds truly versatile!” we exclaim together. “Sounds like something worthy of a truly amazing Creator-God!”

“That’s exactly what it is!” we agree!

This is the kind of energy that will flow from God’s powerhouse, to fill a crucial need of the New World! So the second part of the foundation is this truly amazing energy supply! Wonderful indeed!

Our very efficient Guide reminds us, at this point in our Journey, that “God created everything... on the earth. He made all the things we can see and the things we can’t see.” (Colossians 1:15, 16).
“And that includes this marvelous supply of energy,” the Guide went on. “God the Creator indicated it would become part of the new foundation and that it would remain stable as long as the earth itself would stand! And that is why people over the years have been able to count on the stability of the physical world.”

Electro-magnetic energy is a well-known phenomenon in the world of science. It is found everywhere in our world and fulfills a large number of vital roles. The Electro-magnetic Energy Spectrum ranges from radio waves to the energy required for visible light (with microwaves and infrared rays between), from ultraviolet rays to the ultra-tiny electric energy binding molecules together, (known as the intramolecular force, with x-rays and gamma rays between).
**The Spectrum of Light**

This chart shows the varying wavelengths of both visible and invisible light in their various forms, ranging from radio waves (long, $10^3$) to very short waves ($10^{-15}$).

This form of light, now well-known to science, was the light set in place by the Creator on the First Day and is derived from Electro-magnetic energy. Near the center of this Spectrum of Light are found the essential components which make possible the phenomenon of sight, including all of the colors of the rainbow, at light wave speeds from 700nm per second to 400 nm per second.
GOD’S MIGHTY MITE, THE ATOM

As we continue our amazing Journey, an additional part of the foundation comes into view. It turns out to be a fabulous centerpiece of the Creator’s new foundation, God’s Amazing Building Block, the Atom.

The Great Creator, when choosing His building blocks for this wonderful New World chose, amazingly, to dip into His resources in the “nanoworld” of tiny marvels—atoms and molecules!

These Building Blocks He chose were so small that thousands could fit easily on the sharp point of a needle! And yet they were versatile enough that, repeated over and over, they could be shaped and molded into everything needed for the environment, and even the food supply, of this new world. These tiny marvels were to fill so comprehensive a destiny that absolutely everything—solid, liquid or gas—would be made from them!

Our knowledgeable Observer beckons. He is anxious to show us an amazing display—the inside view of what an actual atom would possibly look like!

He guides us to an amazing Gallery, where an atom, vastly enlarged, is on display! We are invited to step into a waiting elevator. At
each level as it descends, things become smaller—1,000 times smaller at each level! We pass the first level, and find that what had been one meter in size has shrunk a thousand times, to be little more in size than the period at the end of a sentence.

We go further down—two, three, four levels—and finally to 21! Things are now so tiny that seeing them with the human eye has been left far behind. Yet we see things moving. And not in slow motion! What we see is an amazing world of tiny, tiny particles—whirring around at furious speeds—inside the confines of the smallest atom! There are protons and neutrons, tiny charges of electrical energy, and ‘quasars’, tiny particles of matter.

This tiny bundle of frenetic movement and electric energy is the inside of just one atom, one of God’s Dynamic Building Blocks! And it measures only 1/21,000,000th of a meter! Infinitesimally small!

Our science-minded Observer explains that this is what an atom possibly is like on the inside! “It is held together by tiny bursts of electric energy,” he goes on, “and can be molded into every kind of matter! And this, the most versatile of all materials, is the Building Block, the Mighty Mite, chosen by a Wise Creator for His New World.
Having seen the marvelous spectacle of the inside of an atom, we enter the elevator to ascend again to the level of normal things. We are awestruck that God should be working with such a Building Block as this for His base material!

As we ascend, our Observer points out an astonishing fact. He tells us there are 118 kinds of these tiny atoms! Each has a distinctive structure and a different way of working and reacting with other kinds of atoms. And when joined in combination with other atoms, each takes on a different characteristic, providing for all but infinite variety. We realize that we have been let in on one of the amazing foundational secrets of the world the Creator was making! From these lowly Building Blocks everything in the world that had substance would be made!

How amazing!
This chart shows the atoms, and the properties of each, as the Creator designed them.

The “Periodic Table of the Elements” as of March, 2010, was made up of 118 atoms. Others are being discovered from time to time. All matter is made from one or more of these elements.
“But wait till you see the next step in the Master Architect’s plan!” our Guide exclaims. “It is the most astonishing of all!”

“A new and revolutionary concept flowed from the fertile mind of the Great Creator,” exults our very knowledgeable Guide. “It was an infinitesimally small but amazingly power-packed ‘Life Strand’ and the DNA it carried!”

And it turns out to be the most important single factor, apart from the Creator Himself, in bringing life to the New World!”

It is an unmistakable display of The Creator’s amazing handiwork. It is truly awesome in its nature and in its workings.
DNA WAS GOD'S IDEA!

When James Watson and Francis Crick unveiled their concept of a newly discovered DNA structure (in April, 1953), little did they realize that they were actually “standing on hallowed ground”. They were handling, with God's permission, something God Himself had made!

They had uncovered a structure God had devised-- a ladder-like assembly of “base pairs” (so called because each unit is two tiny proteins joined like the rung of a ladder). carrying huge amounts of genetic information. Their discovery opened the way for an understanding of the amazing things the Creator had done with the DNA. He had made it the basis for every kind of life on earth -- plants and trees, fish and birds, animals and insects, and (in a special category) human beings.

The Human Genome Project (1993 to 2003), called “the greatest and most ambitious scientific undertaking ever seen,” focused attention on one representative strand of human DNA. It found 3 billion base pairs of genetic information on part of a two-meterlong gossamer strand, all arranged in precise sequence. This strand was made up of 46 chromosomes (clusters of genes) beginning with chromosome No. 1, which has (by actual count) 263 million base pairs. These together formed a blueprint for ALL the parts and functions of a human body.—an absolutely amazing picture, providing unbelievable detail. And the very structure of the Strand tells us:

1. It could not have been produced by any natural process, including “blind chance”, (no process is known that remotely has the capability of producing such a complex unit). It could not have developed piecemeal; the parts independently could not either survive or be useful.
2. Whoever made it of necessity had to have great intelligence, great powers of memory, great wisdom, and great abilities in making things—a vivid picture of none other than a Great Creator! So, on the basis of the most authoritative scientific studies available, we conclude that the Creator Himself made the human DNA Strand! This is in complete harmony with the statements recorded in the Bible, “You made … the earth and everything that is on it. (Nehemiah 9:6)” When God “created the earth,” He also created “everything in it!” (Acts 14:15), including the DNA! He had made that representative DNA strand, the original had come from His hand!. It’s the only way a DNA Strand could be made!

Amazingly, it turns out that there are six marvelous creative steps that the Creator-God took, each required logically by the very nature of the DNA strand (as we now know it):

1. He first planned and originated the concept of DNA, and its ladder-like strand.
2. He began with a comprehensive concept of man’s body and its every detail (including every cell in the body, 100 trillion of them!) It’s the only way a DNA Strand could be made!
3. He developed this concept in His mind so concretely that He was able then to “translate” that information into the protein-based genetic code!
4. He compressed that mass of information, requiring 3 billion base pairs to express it, on to just 2% (according to the Human Genome Project) of the length of a DNA strand.
5. He then placed one copy of this DNA in every cell of the body—100 trillion of them! 6. All of this was so precisely accomplished that when, in the end, the DNA was all activated and God imparted an eternal spirit, “man became a living being.” Every step had been accomplished to perfection.

What a Great Creator-God!

It makes us acknowledge the greatness of the Supreme One and the astounding wonders of what He was about to do in creating life in the New World!
“These Life Strands, and the DNA they carry, have been recently ‘discovered’. But they are not new,” our Guide explains. “They have proven themselves billions upon billions of times over as they have shaped and molded all the living creatures that have walked the earth.”

We turn to our inquisitive Observer, now an enthusiastic member of our entourage, and he provides for us a fuller explanation.

“Amazingly, God has provided through men and women of science,” he explains, “a wealth of information in recent years regarding the Life Strands and the DNA carried on them. He had determined that this Life Strand would be one of the four key elements of His new ‘foundation.’ And He shares with us the knowledge of what He has done!”

The complete picture of the Life Strand includes three vital procedures, taking us far beyond the structure of the strand itself:

“1. First there is the **Creation** of the DNA. This is the all-important Master Life Strand, which God Himself in each case is responsible for Creating! This Master Life Strand carries no fewer than an amazing three billion “base pairs” of coded instruction, somehow compressed by God’s hand on to just 2% of a gossamer-like strand! This forms the complete blueprint for a human body (or other living organism) covering every moment of its life.

“2. The second portion of the Life Strand saga is the **Copying or Replication** process. The Master Life Strand itself is carefully preserved, and a copy
is made, called a Messenger RNA (mRNA), with only one “word” changed. Here, in a complex process, precise copies of the DNA strands are made. Millions of them!

**Why a “Life Strand”?**

The author has spent endless hours researching DNA and its various elements. Through reference books and the Internet, he has found a veritable gold mine of valuable information and deep insights. There are scholarly pieces in reputable encyclopedias, there are numerous studies conducted by well-known universities. There is a wealth of research papers and well-thought-through articles covering every conceivable aspect of the DNA and its functions.

But having assimilated this mass of information, he was left with the feeling: something is missing here! Each area had been dealt with exhaustively. There is a grand array of sophisticated thinking and well-developed explanations. But each one ends in itself—there is nothing that ties all the vital elements together! And the greatest gap was this—no way had been found to produce an actual living organism! Even though the DNA is there, with its blueprint for the entire structure of a living entity, no living entity was being produced (even though there were reports of numerous attempts to somehow “create” life—all fruitless). We had sophisticated presentations about living things — but no living things resulting! Yet in the real world these actual living things were crowding around us on every hand!

Finally, the light dawned: we did not need more information. What we needed was a way to bring it all together. And in such a way that a true living organism would actually result. In other words, how could this wealth of information be put together in such a way that the intended living entity—plant or animal—would be the result? So he went to work, carefully, to devise a formula that would pull together the things he had learned both from true science and from the Scriptures, especially concerning DNA.
The formula he came to was to bring together the three main elements concerning DNA:

1. The Creation of the Master Strand of DNA (including its preservation)
2. The Copying of the DNA Strand (the Replication process) and
3. The Control of the DNA Strand, (spoken of as “switching”, or activating).
4. These three procedures (3 C’s) seemed to summarize the main events having to do with the DNA, and together with the DNA Strand itself, presented the full story. And above all, they brought the Creator Himself into the picture! Certain parts of the DNA procedures are still mysteries, held securely in the Creator’s Hand!

So in the case of a human being, we simply bring together the Master DNA Strand and these three “C’s”: the Creation of the DNA, its Copying and its Control (each well-known in the world of science). And we call it, “The Life Strand.” It seems naturally to follow the way God Himself is handling these matters.

It soon became evident that God’s direct hand was required, especially in the creating of the DNA! And in an absolute sense also in the final granting of an eternal spirit. There is no other way the whole human structure could be made to work! And then it all became clear: the Creator has reserved some of these activities with the DNA to His own exclusive use! He will share them with no other!
Introducing the Three-part Life Strand.

The Life Strand is one single strand, about 2 meters in length. Though finer than a spider’s web, it carries a mind-numbing 3 billion bits (base pairs) of coded genetic instruction—on just 2% of its length (according to the Human Genome Project).

**Zone One** is the resting place of the Master DNA. It, in turn, represents the full blueprint for the human body, covering every organ and tissue of the body and its growth and development over a complete lifetime!

**Zone Two** occupies the area adjacent to the DNA itself, and carries the genetic information for the incredibly complex process known as DNA Replication (the code is not yet known by science). This procedure is extremely complex, since the body is made up of about 100 trillion cells, each of which must carry one copy of the DNA. Replication of the DNA is carried out in three steps:
1. A copy (called an mRNA) of the Master DNA is first made.
2. Using this copy, a duplicate is made of the ladder-like strand and cut down the middle, producing two half-strands. Each of these, in an incredible process, searches for and finds the matching amino acid molecules it needs, until all 3 billion have been found and the new ladder is complete! This goes on in the body (at lightning speeds) until all 100 trillion copies have been made. Even then, since the body cells have a life expectancy of 120 days, the DNA must be replenished four times a year throughout life!
3. A super-efficient proof-reading facility checks for possible errors and corrects them—so that in the end, less than one error for every billion copies remains. Even then there are three procedures to ensure that no possible errors are passed on to the next generation.

Zone Three (the code used by the Creator is not yet known by science) carries the genetic instructions for fulfilling the main function of the DNA—to control the day-by-day growth and development of the entire body, through the entire lifetime! An intricate process that defies description! In addition, it would of necessity carry the genetic information for a telecommunications facility, capable of linking the 3 billion base pairs of the DNA with the 100 trillion cells in the body, and on an instantaneous, moment-by-moment basis. This would include two-way communication, on the one hand sending the DNA instructions that cover that specific moment, with information as to the materials needed to fulfill those instructions, and where to find those materials. On the other hand, then, instructions are given on how those materials are to be used in the body’s development and functioning.

(It should be noted that this Strand was first designated a “non-coding area” and by some as “Junk DNA,” because it was non-decipherable to science. It has since been found to have an extremely high and meaningful purpose!)

“This replication process is carried out until trillions of exact copies have been made and strategically placed (one at the center of each of the millions of cells in the body—100 trillion of them)! It is dizzying as we attempt to grasp the complexities of this process—but it happens millions of times over and with amazing accuracy and speed! “

“3. And the third step? It can be called the ‘Control (or Switching) Process’ and is the most astounding procedure of all! In this step, the information on the DNA (with its three billion units) is made to flow to
each of the cells in the body (100 trillion of them!), on a moment-by-moment basis.

Here, the DNA Strand is activated, the DNA springs to life when its “switch” is thrown. And the form or function “described” on the DNA becomes a reality! The message sent from the DNA is received by the body cells being constructed, and the finished product, precisely matching the pattern on the DNA, takes its form!”

And how does the information flow from the DNA to the body cell? The answer is obviously a hugely complex telecommunication system (at a sub-atomic level), linking the three billion base pairs of the DNA with 100 trillion cells found in the human body, on a moment-by-moment basis! What a picture of the infinite complexity of the human body as our Great Creator designed it, and its way of working! What an unspeakable mystery!

We realize we are looking at something of immense complexity and deep significance! All of the DNA information is involved. The portion that has to do with “The Present Moment” is searched out, and each of the base pairs that has a message for that location at that moment of time is activated!

Whether the instructions are for the growing fingers of a child’s hand, or the changing texture and color of a fall leaf, it fulfills its vital objective, governing the changes dictated by the DNA for that moment of time. Completely! Accurately! Perfectly!
“And wonder of wonders, it works! Every moment of every day, at every stage of the life of that organism, it works! And of course if it should fail to work, the organism dies. It’s a life or death matter!” He concludes. “And the Creator-God holds this mysterious activating process in His hands, not sharing it with others.”

But the greatest of all wonders is still to come in the case of humans! Even after the human body had been fully formed, there is still one vital “part” missing! A God-designed eternal spirit must be joined with that God-designed human body before it is truly complete! And it is at the moment when this eternal spirit is granted that man becomes fully alive, just as God intended for him to be.

**An Amazing Gallery**

But our Observer is anxiously calling. “Before we go, I want to show you a display of the greatest example of engineering ingenuity ever seen!” he excitedly exclaims. “It is a working model of one of these Life Strands. This will demonstrate for you what these marvels are, and how they work.”

He beckons us to the Marvels Gallery and to a waiting elevator. Again we are descending, and at each step things got 1000 times smaller! We go down, not just one level, but seven--where things become so tiny they are measured in “nanometers”--one billionth of a meter!
And our Observer explains, “Look at that Life Strand in front of you. It is about two meters in length, the height of a man. But it has squeezed onto it three billion important bits of information—in only 2% of the length! If you look carefully, you will see groupings of three ‘codons’, like letters in a book, with three sets of codons then forming one ‘word’—the “triplet” code. It is possible to identify every part of the human body using this code!
“The information needed for a human body (or any living organism) is transferred into this triplet code, and placed on this Strand!” he explains. It’s an amazing display of God’s engineering wisdom!”

“Here is where the Life Strand does its main work!” our Observer explains. “If a piece of hair is instructed to grow longer, that switch is turned on and that hair grows longer! Or if a baby’s finger bone is instructed to grow incrementally, that switch is pulled, and the finger bone grows longer! Through all of life, all of the physical changes needed are controlled from this amazing ‘Control Station’ through its amazing telecommunication system!”

As we wrap up our tour of the Marvels Gallery, we pull ourselves away from this amazing display and ascend the elevator.

Our Observer explains, “That gives you a simplified explanation of the working of the Life Strand! Each step is necessary--without any part of the process, all the wonders of the other steps would be of no avail. But the three steps together go to make up the process that has worked so well and for so many years in the bodies of millions of people, bringing and maintaining life! And more than that, the same applies to every living thing on this earth -- every tree, every bird, every animal, and every man!”

Our faithful Guide goes on, giving us further, stunning explanation. “Here, the entire process of God’s making of the human body is complete! Preparations have all been made. And right at this point of
time, a simply marvelous miracle occurs,” he explains, “It defies description! Here, literally, life begins!”

“This is that magic moment after which men have sought and found it to be an unspeakable mystery,” he continues. “They have found life’s beginnings to be an unsolvable mystery….because life is something only God can give! Nothing men have ever been able to do can produce even a small portion of it!”

“Now let me complete the story,” he goes on. “The Living God has pronounced Himself the Life-giving Spirit. This prerogative of giving life is His, and His alone! At this moment when all the DNA has been activated, the body (or other organism) is complete -- and at that instant, God supernaturally imparts life!

No God, no life! It’s that simple!

“The various parts of the body up to now have been beautiful preparation pointing to a future reality. Suddenly, they are brought together, and become a living entity!”

“Life up to this point has been merely a future hope,” he exclaims as he wraps up the DNA story. “It has been a future possibility. But now it becomes a beautiful, living reality.”

In one moment, when the DNA has finished all it can do, the Creator Himself steps in. He adds the final touch, activating all of the DNA (which the best of scientists have been unable to do!), now found in
100 trillion copies throughout the body (!), and bringing it all together into a glorious living entity -- a complete body in man's case! And a complete living organism in all other cases.

And at that instant, the other miracle of earth-shaking significance takes place! **God imparts the gift of an eternal spirit!**

And (as the Bible puts it) “The man became a living soul” (Genesis 2:7.) A complete and functioning body designed for life on Planet Earth, and a spirit designed for Eternity, are brought together! And at that moment man is finally complete, just as God planned! This is indeed **the miracle of all miracles**, the point of high drama to which all else points, including all of the effort and study having to do with the work of DNA.

At this point in our incredible Journey, we begin to realize what a truly amazing **foundation** we have been privileged to see!

And so it is that just as God’s Dynamic Building Block, the atom, was made the foundation for everything **material** in the New World, the Life Strand was made the foundation of **everything living**. These two together formed the true foundation for the New World God was making!

God had fulfilled what He had so clearly announced, “I am the Lord your God...**who laid the foundations of the earth.**”

Having laid out the four parts of the Amazing Foundation for the New World, the Great Creator is now prepared to move on to another truly Momentous Occasion: **The First Day !**
It was early in the morning.

Dense darkness still enveloped the globe called Earth. At six o’clock came the first indication that this would be a day like no other.
A New Kind of Light

Silently, majestically, God-like, the first dawn swept across the planet, flooding it with light. It was stunningly beautiful! A multicolored hue enveloped the whole earth! It was as though an Aurora Borealis had broken loose from its northern prison and its glorious light was now seeping into every dark corner of Planet Earth, into every nook and cranny.

God said, “Let there be light.” And there was light! God saw the light and he was fully satisfied with it. And God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light, “Day,” and the darkness He called “Night.”

There was evening and there was morning. the First Day.

There were no bells! No trumpets! No celebrations! Just an atmosphere of utter serenity.

The Great Creator had, as it were, turned on the lights! He had activated a vast supply of a new kind of light, and was making it available everywhere. This new and wonderful light, created especially for Planet Earth, would come to be known as
Radiant Light (or EM light). It was amazingly versatile. It was perfectly suited to life in the New World.

God had moved to set in place an amazing centerpiece of His New World! His simple, majestic words:

“Let there be light!”

_Early Christians acknowledged the miraculous new light of the First Day, though later generations seem to have lost the knowledge of it! No less a person than the Apostle Paul referred to it in 2 Corinthians 4:6 when he wrote, “God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness (clearly referring to the three days before the sun was created), made His light shine in our hearts….””(NIV)

As the light appeared, God was activating an entire Spectrum of Light, including many forms of light not visible to the human eye. Some would carry sound waves; some would empower the phenomenon of sight, and some even bind molecules to one another!

The atmosphere was serenely peaceful, like the soft murmuring of a gentle breeze. Its softness contrasted sharply with the harsh darkness of outer space through which the earth was hurtling!
For the first three days of our world’s history, this harmonious light shone brightly. The Sun with its blazing light would come later, on Day Four (with its further “duty”, “to mark off the seasons and the days and the years”) But on this momentous day, God, the Great Creator, was putting a full Spectrum of Light in place!

What was the Creator’s first gift for the Man He would soon bring into being? The unspeakably precious gift of sight! Along with the facilities necessary for sight, God was providing for an entire family of valuable features. Many of them would not be visible to the human eye, but each offered a distinctive contribution to the mosaic of life in the New World.

And it all sprang from God’s simple command on that dark morning,

“Let there be light!”

But even light, and the color which goes to make it up, requires energy!

The tiny particles which move incessantly at high speeds to produce light must have special energy. Some then become
visible as “red” and some “blue” (at light-wave speeds of 400 nm/second and 700 nm.)

A train needs an engine. And the New World needed a source of energy! Without it, there would be no movement. Nothing would work! And God’s New World needed a very special engine, a unique source of energy, without which nothing would work!

The Creator’s Master Plan called for just such an engine, an abundant source of energy. Where would He turn?

He turned to a newly designed kind of power, called by men of science, “Electro-magnetic Energy.” It would be versatile enough to meet the need inside the close confines of an infinitesimally small atom! And at the same time, it would be able to answer the call from a thundercloud for a high energy bolt of lightning with its enormous, thunderous display of energy!

God had designed the earth with a unique core—a giant flow of superheated iron and rock. As this liquid rock and iron moved back and forth with the earth’s rotation, it produced a giant flow of electrical energy.
At the same time, it was as though the entire earth were made into a massive horseshoe magnet, reaching out with its magnetic field as far as 36,000 miles beyond the earth’s surface—with unmeasured amounts of magnetic force radiating throughout its vast fields of energy.

God took these two forms of energy and joined them together! The resulting flow had two components: one electric from the heart of the earth and one magnetic from the giant horseshoe magnet and its strong fields. God joined the two together, causing them to flow as one, always in the same direction and always at the same speed, the speed of light (about 300,000 kilometers per second!)

From microwaves to laser beams, from x-rays to gamma rays, others in this marvelous family of features were now activated to fulfill the vital role of each.
This energy was made adaptable by the Creator to serve a wide variety of purposes. At one extreme, it would function effectively even within the confines of the tiny atom. At the other, it would provide the needed energy for the wide open spaces of the heavens! And it was made to flow throughout a worldwide, invisible grid which God prepared for this purpose.

This type of energy has come to be known as Radiant Energy (because of the way it radiates along its given path). Or as EM (Electro-magnetic) Energy pointing to the two types of energy God brought together to make it possible.

What an amazing Gift of Love! The Great Creator had provided for the world an adequate and adaptable form of energy, enough for the needs of the entire world as long as it should endure! The New World would now be able to function fully! From the far-flung light rays that would some day carry millions of radio and television messages, to the tiny movements that produce the individual colors of the rainbow, all the features of the Spectrum were now empowered and were functioning. Among them was the amazing facility of visible light, so crucial to the amazing gift of sight!
Men and animals alike would now be able to revel in this amazing Gift from the hand of God!

And all the other features of the New World, including human and animal bodies, were now possible, with an adequate supply of energy of exactly the right strength, the right kind, in the right place. God had put in place His astounding plan for power throughout the New World—a vital part of the foundation He was laying out.

*An Abundance of Water*

Earth’s clock moved on to the nine o’clock hour, and to another stupendous event!

First, in gentle drops water began appearing! It had never before been seen on Planet Earth. But soon it came in millions of tiny streams. Finally, in gushing torrents!

The oceans of the world had begun to fill with water! Refreshing, life-giving water! Everywhere throughout the globe, at a million points simultaneously, water began forming, and then gushing. Effortlessly it seemed, as three necessary components came together, the water formed and began to flow into the deep and dry ravines that marked the surface of the earth.
First hydrogen, the main element in water, was in abundant supply. Then God, in His unfathomable wisdom, calibrated the precise amount of oxygen that would be needed throughout the New World. And as the Great Creator, He instantly provided it! The third component turned out to be the ultra-tiny bursts of light called the intermolecular force. These would form the bond between two molecules of hydrogen on one hand and one molecule of oxygen on the other—H₂O!

Water! And in abundance!

And so it was that the oceans of the world were filled to the brim, within the hour, with that amazing and mysterious crystal-clear elixir of life—water!

When God’s discerning Eye saw that all of the oceans and rivers had been filled, the flow stopped! The deep crevasses of the earth’s surface had become ocean depths. The God-appointed boundaries for the seas had been reached, and vast reaches of water covered the surface of the earth, perfectly reflecting the open sky!
Amazingly, in the closed environment of our world with nothing but empty space surrounding the globe, that water has sufficed for the earth through all the centuries since! Rising as vapor from the surface of the ocean, it has ascended into the sky year after year, and in purified form, has returned to the earth and the oceans as rain!

Just as God had so wonderfully planned from the beginning!

God’s Tiny Marvels Come Together

But it was not only the water molecules which came together! All the other combinations of Tiny Marvels God had planned also came together, and were scattered as He determined throughout the expanse of the earth. Each of the chemical reactions for which the 118 primary dynamic Building Blocks were designed (the number grows as new elements are discovered), could now be carried out. All of the atoms listed in the “Periodic Table of the Elements” were there, from gases to liquids, from metals to alkaline materials.

That New Kind of Light

The world was now aglow with this new light. But much more was happening. God the Great Creator was inaugurating a complete Spectrum of Light, one of the central features of the new
environment. This full family of features were all the same in structure—waves of light moving in one direction, at the speed of light. Some were very short waves, some very long. But they all followed the same pattern, including “visible light.” As the height of the waves and the speed of their forward movement varied, the characteristics changed.

Some were long waves, carrying sound. Then there were microwaves and ultraviolet rays and laser beams and x-rays. And even tiny short waves, so small that they became the bond that held the Building Blocks, the molecules, together. Each feature had a vital function to fulfill in the New World,

Near the center of this Spectrum was found the amazing facility of Visible Light. It made possible the wonders of sight, for men and animals—an amazing gift to God’s creatures!

What a momentous beginning, as the Great Creator began His work of the First Day with the simple, majestic words, “Let there be light!”

Clearly, that light was not the light of the Sun. That would come three days later.
Air to Breathe

Day One moved on. It was 12 o’clock, noon!

With a soft rustling, the sky began to change. What had been the barrenness of outer space was changing from the earth’s surface upward. Hydrogen was there in abundance. And the Wise Creator knew that hydrogen alone would not sustain life and living creatures. He brought in oxygen until the mix was exactly 18.46%, precisely the amount needed by men and animals as they breathed it in and out over an entire lifespan!

As layer upon layer was added to the cushion of air surrounding the earth, it became heavier and heavier until it produced a pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch (equivalent to 10.2 tons per square meter!) This was just what the Creator’s blueprint called for! And it proved to be just the air pressure needed to keep men and animals securely moving along the ground, without them being either weightless or unwieldy

The atmosphere was now in place, the molecules of air held together by the adhesive force of the intermolecular force, one form of Radiant Light!
Soil and its Nutrients

And the Great Creator continued working with His Tiny Marvels, molding them into all of the solid materials needed. Just as He had done with water and air, He now molded them into soil to cover the land. And as the 118 types of Tiny Marvels were scattered throughout the earth, some of them came together to supplement the earth with rich minerals, the kind needed for the plants and trees which would soon appear.

And God Created Time

At three o’clock, God stepped back to survey what He had made.

It was as though the God of Heaven clapped His hands jubilantly, “That is exactly what I had in mind!” He declared. He was delighted with all He saw. God’s perfect and profound work of Creation was well underway!

The day wore on. The earth moved forward in its daily rotation, and darkness descended on the earth. Amazingly, God then used the rotation of the globe to determine still another bedrock feature of His New World!
He announced that this was “The First Day” in the New World – a day of precisely 24 hours. In the future, man would build days and weeks into months and years. And he would divide the day into hours and minutes and seconds. This would be one of the controlling features for all of the activities on the earth—moving forward in a constant flow of hours and days.

“Time” had been inaugurated!

In His wisdom, God did not just set up a giant timepiece and make it be observed. He determined to build into every living organism He would make, a time clock! The rhythm then of activity and rest, of eating and sleeping, became a part of the very structure of every plant or animal, every tree or bird, that would later come from His Hand! Time, on a 24-hour basis, would set the boundaries within which the world and its activities would function.

And so it was that on Day One God set earth’s clock in motion. Time began!

So it was that on that First Day God put in place an amazing array of new features:
Light! The amazing New Light, now known as Radiant Light.

Water! With its miraculous qualities and the oceans to hold it.

Matter! All of the solid materials needed, the 118 kinds of atoms.

Air! Providing a protective shield from harmful rays and providing the oxygen needed for life.

And time! The “time dimension,” marking the freedoms within which the world would function and the constraints within which it would be limited.

An awesome, momentous First Day indeed!
4.

That Amazing Cushion of Air

We enter the portals of the Second Day on our Journey, to the strains of an ancient melody:

“You placed the world on its foundation, so it would never be moved (it would remain stable.)” And we are reminded of the amazing four-part foundation the Creator laid on the First Day. The music goes on to tell a new story, of water *leaping* to obey the Creator’s command!

“You clothed the earth with floods of water;
At Your command, the waters fled;
Mountains rose, the valleys sank to levels that You *decreed*. Then *You set a firm boundary for the sea.*” *(Psalms 104:5,6,9—NLT)*
God not only filled the oceans; He also set their boundaries! “This far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!” (Job 38:11), He pronounced

“Let there be a space between the waters, and let it separate the waters above from the waters on the earth below.” And God made the space and divided the waters which were on the earth below from the waters which were above the space. And it came about, just as God had said. God called the space “the heavens.” There was an evening and there was a morning, and together they made up Day Two.

And we gaze in astonishment as the Great Creator shows Himself to be also the Great Engineer! His handiwork? A vast cocoon of air surrounding the globe and reaching upward as much as 35 kilometers. It holds the life-sustaining air so essential to living creatures. It carries the clouds and vapor of an efficient weather system that is so complex it requires an entire branch of science (hydrology) to study its movements!
How Much Water?

First, the Creator determined the precise amount of water that would be needed. And it was not a thimbleful! It was an immense supply—enough to cool the raging heat of the earth itself, enough to provide for the rain that would be needed throughout the earth, enough to satisfy the thirst of the animals and birds and humans that would soon appear.

My wife, Anne, and I a few years ago travelled to exotic southern Brazil. There we viewed with awe the massive eight kilometer dam at the mighty Iguassu Falls and its largest-in-the-world electricity generating facilities.

“This dam is one of the wonders of the modern world,” a technician pointed out. “It holds more than twenty-nine billion cubic meters of water. Each of its eighteen generators can provide electricity enough for a city of 1,400,000 people!”

Twenty-nine *billion* cubic meters of water! Enough to cover an area ten kilometers wide and 100 kilometers long, and to a depth that would cover a nine-storey building! What a marvel of modern engineering!

Then, we read of the oceans of the world.

All that Water!

The oceans hold no less than *1.4 million cubic kilometers* of water (and just one cubic kilometer is 1,000,000 cubic meters)! We learn too that they cover seventy percent of the earth’s
surface. “The average depth of these oceans,” says our knowledgeable Observer, “is a staggering 3,700 meters. Mount Everest at some points could easily be dropped in and would disappear without a trace.”

Add the mighty Amazon, the other rivers of the world, the Great Lakes and similar bodies of water. And the amount of water on Planet Earth takes on astronomical proportions!

Men of science have calculated the world’s supply of water at 1,386,000,000 cubic meters. Even then, we have to add the water which flows as clouds and vapor through earth’s worldwide weather systems—an additional 12,900 cubic kilometers! We marvel at the volume of water. But then we look at the Creator’s plan for carrying it where needed, and find this, too, to be one of the wonders of the world! The story it tells points to a Great and Giving Creator! It speaks of His awesome power, His great wisdom and His loving concern for the creatures He was about to bring into the world

1. The Delivery System

When God separated the water below (in the oceans) from the water above (in the sky), it was more than a physical, geographical separation! It was a separation in kind! When He designed water, He made it with remarkable qualities, so it could effortlessly move from being in liquid form to being a vapor, or even a solid! No other substance carries these amazing qualities!
So when God the Creator devised a plan to carry needed water to all the land He was creating, He created a system that caused the rays of the sun to vaporize the surface the ocean, causing the vapors to ascend and form water-carrying clouds! Then cooler winds carried these clouds to all parts of the world, to drench the parched fields with the life-sustaining provision of fresh water! And this cycle would be repeated year after year, depositing an average of almost one meter of much needed water throughout the earth.

What a display of wise planning and precision! It has worked, year after year through the centuries. The winds, as they pass over plain and mountain, deposit more in some places than in others. But nevertheless they carry that most precious of commodities to all regions of the world!

What else do we find? The air cushion is actually made up of five distinct layers, one above the other. Together, they extend from seven to seventeen kilometers above the surface of the earth. These layers are made up of gases, like nitrogen, oxygen and hydrogen, with a stratosphere above reaching 35 kilometers. But it is the lowest layer, called the troposphere, that is of the most interest to the world of men and animals.

The Creator’s Master Plan called for creatures with lungs. They could breathe! And that requires oxygen in the air. The question? How much oxygen is needed? Would 100% pure oxygen be best? Or would a 10% mixture be enough? The Creator knew that nitrogen and other gases would not be useful;
they could not sustain life. And pure oxygen would be too rich and potentially explosive!

What would be the best to meet the need? “20.846% would be ideal!” decreed the Wise Creator. So He created a supply of oxygen and added it to earth’s atmosphere! And when He had reached the goal, He turned off the “oxygen spigot!” That precisely calibrated supply of life-sustaining oxygen—20.846% of the air in the lower atmosphere—became a priceless Gift of Love, as the Creator prepared to welcome the birds and animals and humans that would soon appear! And that amazing Gift has continued to supply the day-to-day needs of all God’s creatures on the face of the earth, to this day!

“But doesn’t this supply of oxygen diminish over the years?” our thoughtful Observer queries.

“Yes, indeed!” our Guide responds. “As animals and birds breathe in, they breathe out carbon dioxide. And this diminishes the mix of oxygen. And other activities of nature consume oxygen as well. But in the Wise Creator’s perfect wisdom, plants and trees worldwide produce excess oxygen, and expel it into the air! The result? An equilibrium, so that the world’s oxygen supply remains more or less constant, and all of God’s creatures have an abundant supply!”

“What an amazing display of creative genius, our Observer explains, “that not only produces the basic supply of an essential item, but provides even for its replenishing day by day through the centuries!”
3. Protected!

We gaze at a striking photograph taken from outer space (from the Hubble space craft), and realize that this world is really just a small globe, speeding through the blackness of outer space. It is being bombarded by solar winds and cosmic rays that could destroy life in a moment of time! Yet people live in complete safety and comfort! How can this be?

“They are sheltered by the cocoon of air which the Creator designed and fashioned with His own hands,” our Observer notes. “It is another of His amazing provisions for the living creatures He was soon to make.”

In fact, this cushion of air is less, in relation to the size of the earth, than the cocoon of silky threads surrounding a butterfly as it emerges from its long sleep! But it proves to be just exactly what is needed, leaving the people and the animals safe and secure and even comfortable through an entire lifetime!

So when the Great Engineer-Creator fashioned the atmosphere of the earth on Day Two, He was making a marvelous cocoon of air that enclosed the entire globe with amazingly effective protection! It protects from the extreme cold of outer space, which otherwise would cause every living cell in living bodies to freeze instantly! It protects from dangerous solar winds and radiation, which if they reached earth would be instantly fatal! It protects from the explosive effects of the vacuum of outer space, and living creatures are kept secure within
remarkably comfortable boundaries, with a constant supply of life-giving oxygen and with livable temperatures!

4. Is It too Cold?

When my elder daughter was buried in northern Alberta on a blustery January day (the tragic result of careless driving), the temperatures registered -42° C. It was cold, cold, cold!

When I visited close friends in North India on a summer day, the temperature was also 42° C—but on the plus side! It was hot, hot, hot!

Yet in both extremes, people have learned to live active lives, with due care to their dwellings and their clothing.

But 60° C or more, plus or minus? That would be out of the question! So, what is the world’s temperature? The average world-wide temperature holds remarkably steady at 15° C. Just right! It varies slightly from year to year, and from decade to decade, but that average is well within the ideal for life on the planet! The Creator’s amazing “thermostat” has been working, and working well, for all these centuries.

5. Held Firmly to the Earth

On July 21, 1979 Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin climbed down from Apollo 11 onto the barren surface of the moon. Millions watched on TV, intrigued as they effortlessly took giant strides and easily leaped about.
Imagine how different life would be if it were like this on the surface of the earth! But it is not! The combination of gravity and air pressure holds people securely to the earth and produces just the right conditions for life and activity. With a precision that is truly awesome, our Great Creator fashioned and molded all of the elements of our atmosphere, and caused them to work together to produce precisely the guidelines He had set -- 14.7 pounds per square inch (at sea level). A greater pressure would quickly collapse the lungs and crush the bodies. Too little gravity and air pressure would cause one to leap into the air at the slightest exertion! With all the possibilities for unworkable scenarios, the Creator chose just the right balance for animal and human life—and has maintained that balance year after year.

So it was that the massive job of molding earth’s atmosphere was completed on Day Two, with its amazing array of elements, many of them in constant motion, and brought together to function as one efficient unit to serve the Creator’s purposes.

The oceans of the world began their vital function of contributing to the earth’s essentially stable temperatures, with giant currents flowing endlessly.

The winds of the world began their restless flow, carrying their clouds to all parts of the world.

The huge flows of electromagnetic energy, formed in the heart of the earth, began to fill the atmosphere, with energy enough to power even the most violent thunderstorm.
So it was that water and wind, flows of energy and bonds of magnetism all began to work together, each controlled by the Master’s Touch to produce one great throbbing unit—the atmosphere of the earth.

“Why, it is just as though the ‘house’ had been completed and the ‘family’ could now move in,” our perceptive Observer notes. “Everything is in readiness, carefully and lovingly provided to sustain the myriads of vibrant living creatures which the Creator has said would soon make their appearance on Planet Earth!”
5.

A Marvelous Mantle of Green

As the Third Day begins, water covers the earth.

The water has been precisely measured out by the Creator, enough to cover the land and fill its deep places. The still waters are like a giant mirror, perfectly reflecting the clouds drifting across an open blue sky.

God’s next directive? “Let dry land appear.”

What followed was clearly a massive rearrangement of both land and water! It was as though a giant hand had reached inside the globe called Earth, and forced some land areas up, while pushing other areas down! We can only leave the details to the mysteries of the Creator’s working—but the conclusion of the matter is clear: when God said, “Let dry land appear,” immediately, “it was so!” A large part of the land mass was raised, some areas of the deep oceans were made even deeper—and
the waters flowed swiftly off the land and into the oceans and their deep places.

As a result of this restructuring of the globe’s land mass, about a third of the surface of the earth was now solid ground. The remaining two-thirds was covered with water, some of it so deep that a Mount Everest could be dropped in without a trace, just as the Creator had determined.

“What a demonstration of the Creator’s power and wisdom!” our Guide comments. “He is making final preparations before introducing the first form of life to a dead planet! He has in mind something so new, so revolutionary, so utterly God-like, that it defies description!

**The First Forms of Life**

What was in the Mind of the Creator?

“Let the earth bring forth grass and shrubs and trees!” The voice breaks into the quietude of the globe. There begins a stirring from beneath the black earth that grows and expands relentlessly until it bursts forth into a magnificent mantle that covers the land!

A marvelous mantle of green!

The fields quickly become deep with lush, inviting grass. Grass of all kinds! Some with long blades, some short. And beautiful ferns, thousands upon thousands of kinds!

“Among all these plants, the vegetables and the grains—rice and wheat, barley and millet—were some of the first to be seen,” our faithful
Guide chimes in, “because God showed clearly that He was particularly concerned with providing the food supply for men and animals.”

And God said, “Let the waters on the earth below the space be gathered together into one place, and let dry land appear.” And it came about, just as God had said. God called the dry land “Earth,” and the gathering together of the accumulated waters He called “Sea.” And what He saw He delighted in.

Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass and seed-bearing plants and trees bearing fruit, each according to its own kind and each producing its distinctive seed throughout the earth.” And it came to be, just as God had said. God looked, and gave His approval to what He saw. And that evening and that morning comprised Day Three.

Carrots and cabbage, the humble onion and the versatile potato, each appeared in the early stage of maturity, even though having burst on the scene only minutes before! Trees and shrubs, in amazing variety, began showing up everywhere, each different in appearance and kind, depending partly on the pattern of weather just yesterday established by the Creator. Trees that hugged the equator were mostly a broad, leafy style. Others, where elevation was higher, were for cooler areas, with hardy leaves and spear-like needles. And all with their seeds, of various
shapes and appearances, ready to produce the next generation as a precise replica of those that were first seen on this eventful day.

And, oh, the fruit trees! Jewels of the forest, they sparkled with color and with the look of special loving care. Mangoes and apples, luscious pears and fragrant passion-fruit, could be seen in endless profusion. Fruits of all kinds, distinctive in different parts of the world, fruits that were both attractive and nourishing began making their appearance!

But most arresting of all? The flowers! What a fabulous array of color and endless variety was seen in the flowers scattered everywhere that day! Some were almost hidden in the shade of the trees towering above them. Some were clustered in little clumps of bursting color. Some were scattered recklessly it seemed across the fields, along the flowing rivers and beside the tranquil lakes.

“Beautiful. Stunningly beautiful!” our Observer comments with wonder. “Whoever prepared all this had a keen sense of beauty and an acute awareness of both beauty and balance!”

“Why, this is like one great, beautiful Paradise!” we exclaim together.

Indeed, the whole scene that was unveiled before our eyes on that Third Day gave vivid testimony to the love of things beautiful in the Great Creator. He showed himself to be not only a God of wisdom and power but also a God of Beauty—a God of profusion and overflowing abundance!
The Creator was taking the very first steps in creating life on Planet Earth! He made not just a tree here and a shrub there. He made a myriad of living plants--grasses and shrubs, large trees and small, flowering plants and lush fruit trees, a bountiful mantle of green for an otherwise dead planet!

God had, in a profusion of creative energies, made every kind of plant or tree that would ever appear on the earth!

And just how many might that be? We turn to our accompanying science-minded Observer. “Specialists have been able to identify 274,000 species of plants found on the earth,” he reported. “And this does not include many species which have already disappeared over the years!”

Oh, the incredible profusion of plants of all kinds that came from the hand of the Great Creator on Day Three! And within each of these categories of plant species were hundreds more of sub categories, each distinctive and different from any other! When the Creator first produced living things, He did it with a flourish!

**Those Amazing Life Strands Make Their Appearance**

“This would have been the first time God actually made use of the Life Strand, with all its information and its instructions,” says our very knowledgeable Guide. “He made a separate DNA Strand for each of these plants and trees!”
“What an amazing thought!” we all agree. “He had conceived in His Mind so clear a picture of what each plant would be and what it would produce, that He could transcribe onto a DNA strand every detail of its entire life-span!”

“That’s right! That is the only way a DNA strand could have been constructed,” comments our well-read Observer. “It would require a full picture of the plant or tree itself in advance, or it just would not work!”

“We now know that when God made the world of greenery,” explains our knowledgeable Guide, “He made use of the marvelous Life Strand, including its DNA. He made for each kind of plant or tree one Life Strand as a living blueprint—carrying as many as 300 million pairs of coded instruction—covering every detail and every stage of the life of the plant. And then it provided the blueprint for the next generation as well and for all that would follow!”

“But even the DNA instructions were not enough alone!” our Observer reminds us. “There had to be a process for replicating that Master Strand in large numbers, and then activating each cluster of cells (each gene) to produce an actual living organism!”

“Only when these complex features came together would the living plant come to life and fulfill its vital role! There is no other pattern in the entire world that could control all of these necessary processes and make them work! So it becomes abundantly clear that the Creator Himself on
this eventful Day Three fulfilled these essential steps to make each tree and each plant:

1. God the Creator made a the living blueprint, a Life Strand with its DNA, for each kind of plant or tree, so complex that each carried as many as 300 million base pairs of coded information. Only God could have done that!

2. God the Creator provided for the replication of these Life Strands and for locating one each in every cell of the organism, where it was needed to fulfill its function at every stage of the plant’s life. Only God could make that happen!

3. God in His wisdom fulfilled the final code-unlocking step, the turning on and off of the activating “switch”, in perfect accord with the need of each succeeding moment. In this way, God the Creator produced the living organism itself! Only God could manage that!

All of was happening in a world so infinitesimally small (one DNA is about 2.5 billionths of a meter in width!) that it is well below the threshold of human sight and far below the limits of human control or even significant influence!

It was Joyce Kilmer in 1913 who penned the words,

“Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.”

She knew only half the truth! God’s making of a tree turns out in itself to be so marvelous a procedure as to utterly stagger the imagination!
A Profusion of Greenery

The Great Creator on Day Three made all the vegetation and never, before or since, has there been seen such a transformation! The barren rock of Planet Earth, now covered with fresh soil, began to sprout everywhere with beautiful greenery!

Why green? We turn to our science-minded Observer and he gives an astounding explanation.

“Inside every leaf and each blade of grass, there are tucked away millions of God’s tiny Life Strands!” he says. “And under the direction of these Life Strands, the plant makes a tiny ‘factory’ within the leaf. This produces a substance with almost magical properties (called chlorophyll) which comes in various shades of green. And that is why both forest and field are green in color, and not blue or red!”

“This tiny factory produces food for the nourishment of the plant itself,” explains our Observer. “But that is not all! In an amazing way, it produces also virtually all of the food that will be needed by the animals and humans that will soon be seen! Just the right kind, the right texture and even the right taste!”

And another piece of the jigsaw puzzle falls into place: God is graciously providing the food for all of His creatures—for every day of the world’s history! He makes the declaration, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals,
the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.”

And what a bountiful provision it is!

“And how,” you ask, “does this marvelous green substance work?”

Again we turn to our well-read Observer, and he explains:
“The plant takes three steps:
1. Being rooted in the earth, it reaches down and takes up water and nutrients from under the soil,
2. It reaches up to take an always-present substance from the air (carbon dioxide),
3. Then it reaches out to the rays of the sun for energy, and--wonder of wonders--it causes the green leaf or blade of grass to appear!”

“This miracle of plant wisdom is repeated over and over, and with great variety of shapes and sizes,” he further explains. “And, wonder of wonders, the food supply for the world’s animals and humans has been taken care of!”

We stand back in wide-eyed amazement as we take in the significance of the Creator’s very first steps in making living things! And we realize that we are in for an incredible Journey indeed, more wonderful, more mysterious than we had ever imagined! But there is no sunshine! And each of these living organisms reaches out desperately for life-sustaining rays of the sun!
6.

And the Sun Began to Shine!

It’s the Fourth Day, early in the morning!

Our Guide reminds us that the Creator had announced that morning:

“Let there be great lights in the upper space of the heavens...to shed light on the earth and to mark off the seasons and the days and the years”...and it came to be, just as God had said. God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to rule over the night. There was an evening and there was a morning, and together they made up Day Four.

The first light of dawn is creeping over the landscape, bathing it in brilliance. Silently! Majestically! The whole world is basking gleefully
in the new light—even the thirsty trees and flowers which had burst on the scene just yesterday.

**It is the first Sunrise!** Never before seen on Planet Earth! It is a marvelous moment. The trees and the grass drink in the life-giving rays, all but dancing with delight!

Surprisingly, the Radiant Light of the past three days blends perfectly with the new, more brilliant light of the Sun! And we realize the Creator had not just been providing a fill-in “light” for three days. He had actually provided a second form of light, so that the two could go on together to provide the needs of the New Creation!

The brilliant rays of the Sun were warming the earth and providing life-giving energy to the trees and flowers. The second light, the entire Light Spectrum (much of it not visible to the physical eye), was brilliantly fulfilling its multifaceted role—from sound waves and x-rays to the tiny bursts of energy that hold atoms and molecules together!

Its most welcome gift? The gift of **sight**! This Radiant Light had a very special place to fill in making possible the priceless ability to see! For all God’s creatures!

It was perfectly suited to this complementary role, along with the brilliant rays of the sun. Without it, vision would never have been a reality! With it, the most sophisticated “invention” in all the universe, the facility of human eyesight, was fully activated by the Creator’s Hand. That marvelous ability depends on about forty sub-systems, including the
intricacies of the eye itself with its millions of tiny light sensors, the
delicate optic nerve and the computer-like processing center of the brain.
Together with the rays of the sun now streaming down from the sky, men
and all of God’s creatures could joyously see!

And now, for the first time on Planet Earth, the outstretched
branches of the forest and the thirsty grass of the fields could drink in
freely the radiant, life-giving rays of the sun! God had simply spoken and
all nature had leaped to fulfill His desires.

The Sun began to shine!

The Creator had still another vital purpose in mind. He was
setting up a pattern of “light and dark”, of activity and rest, of work and
leisure, into which the entire Creation would be molded. He created not
just one, but two great lights, the sun and the moon. They would become
the center of the “light and dark” rhythm of life on earth and form the
basis of the seasons and the days and years throughout its history.

The Wise Creator had inaugurated “Time” on Day One. Now,
carrying it one step further, He designated the rhythm of the seasons,
summer and winter, and the whole world of living things would fit
precisely into this pattern.

And then--oh, yes--God also made the stars! They were, relatively
speaking, so small a thing at this point in the Creator’s mind, that almost
as an aside the explanation is given, “He also made the stars.”
When the Creator made the stars, He was displaying His skill in handling even the far reaches of the universe. As a master craftsman might display an elaborately woven work of art, He states. “With My own Hand, I made it,” (Isaiah 45:12). “I made it all.”

Just as happy children might decorate a Christmas tree with lights and bangles, God had joyously reached out and placed a star here and a galaxy there, spanning vast stretches of space as though stepping across the room. He plotted the place of each planet and star, and saw to it that not one was missing. He even gave each one a name!

God must have exulted greatly in the vast starry heavens He had made!

**Sunbeams on a Mission**

When He set the sun in place, the Great Originator was dealing with things of unbelievably huge proportions. The sun He made was so monumental in size that 330,000 earths could fit inside it—with room to spare! And it was so hot it registered temperatures (at its core) of 15,000,000 degrees centigrade!

Yet this same Maker had one single-minded objective in mind--to cast sunbeams through space in such a way that they would provide warmth and light for every part of Planet Earth! And specifically for every man or woman ever to walk on the earth!
The great King David, in explaining the ways of God, said “The blazing sun makes his appearance above the horizon at one end of the sky, and daily makes his full circuit to the other end. In this way, no one in the entire earth misses out on its heat and light. The sky and its heavenly bodies are an awe-inspiring display of God’s splendor. The atmosphere and all things below are a showcase of the work of God’s hands.” (Psalms 19:6,1 free translation).

Years ago, men thought the sun circled the earth. We now know of course that it’s the other way around--the earth circles the sun! So the Creator had to precisely manage the movement of those gigantic bodies as they hurtled through space if He wanted those sunbeams to reach every one on earth. It was a huge undertaking! But that is exactly what He did! He set the sun and the earth at a precisely calculated distance from one another, and arranged the rotation of the earth in just such a way, that they would bring the desired heat and light to the surface of the planet!

There it accomplished the happy objective that He planned--sunbeams reaching every individual in every part of the earth, bringing just the heat and light each one needed!

**Just Right**

Another thing. Even though temperatures surrounding the earth were bitingly cold (and dangerous!) the rays traveling
from the far-off sun warmed the earth in such a way as to maintain an average temperature world-wide of fifteen degrees centigrade—just right for life on the earth, and especially for human life!

Neither too hot, nor too cold!

Among all the planets, only the earth boasts this benefit! The earth is just the right distance from the sun, set at just the right angle, to reap the full benefit of the sun’s rays. vivid testimony to the careful planning of the One who set the heavenly bodies in place.

It becomes wonderfully clear that God set the sun in place with great precision, even though it is a giant ball of nuclear fired gases that reaches stupendous levels of heat. Too close to that heat and men would be incinerated! Too far away, and they would not benefit from its rays.

But at 149,600,000 kilometers? This turns out to be precisely the right distance. All part of a wisely laid out plan!

**Setting Our Clocks**

Greenwich is a town in the south of England, actually now a part of London. At its observatory exact measurements of the movement of the sun and the moon and the stars have been taken, and a precise Greenwich Mean Time has been determined. This is
used in many countries of the world to calculate the correct time, which is then further enhanced by highly delicate “atomic clocks.”

It is truly amazing that these heavenly bodies move with such precision that clocks can be set by them, to the very second. And with absolute confidence!

**The Majestic Beauty of a Sunset**

I have many times stood transfixed on Sri Lanka’s beautiful shoreline, where the horizon arches away as far as the eye can see. I have gazed at the awesome sight of a setting sun and marveled at the majesty of it all.

What beauty! What majesty! It is an unveiling of the marvelous Hand that took the elements of water and weather, and against a backdrop of mountains and rivers painted such an exquisite picture. It is a fleeting glimpse at the wonders of what the Creator accomplished so wonderfully on that Fourth Day in the history of the world.

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*Designed for the Water!*

It is now the Fifth Day. The Creator has turned His attention to the oceans and rivers of the world.

The oceans cover seventy percent of earth’s surface, and to an average depth of more than three kilometers! These waters were to become home to a variety of living creatures that would be beyond comprehension!
“Let the waters swarm with myriads of living creatures.”
And God created the great sea monsters and every living, moving creature with which the waters would teem, each according to its own kind.

God looked with satisfaction on what He saw. God blessed them saying, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the sea.”

So there was an evening and a morning, and they comprised Day Five.

From simple plankton to the sleek salmon slicing through the waters with effortless ease, from fish that are but tiny silver slivers to massive and majestic whales, the oceans were becoming a happy environment in which they felt perfectly at home.

The coastal waters of tropical islands suddenly became home to flourishing marine life! Even in the cold depths, where everlasting darkness reigned, marine life began to stir!

What was going on?

It was, amazingly, Step Two in the Creator’s introduction of living things to Planet Earth! Following the trees and flowers, God had chosen to focus on creatures that move freely, and especially on residents of the Sea.
Some of the beautiful creatures He made were huge, several tons in weight, their sleek bodies slicing through the waters with agile ease. Some were colorful and swift, flitting in and out along coral reefs. Some were sleek silvery clouds of fish, swarming along in huge numbers. With tender care and careful planning the Creator took into account just the right environment and food supply for each. He built into each one a body adapted to the temperatures of the surrounding waters. And He even made some that thrived in the constant darkness of the ever-black ocean depths.

The Great Mind planned each one of this vast myriad of creatures, and constructed a Living Strand for each from which they would separately be made. And wonder of wonders, then each of these sea-going marvels, like the trees and the greenery before them, was made to carry in every cell of its body a copy of its Living Strand! These tiny strands were far smaller than what can be seen by the human eye, yet were so marvelously comprehensive they carried the information needed to govern every aspect of a fish’s development and reproduction, and through an entire life-span!

“Why, this looks as though every kind of fish ever seen can to be found right here!” our science-minded Observer exclaims. “Right here, on the Fifth Day, when fish first appeared!”
And that is exactly what the Creator was doing! Every kind of fish, every kind of marine creature ever known throughout the earth’s history, made its debut here!

“How many kinds might that be?” We turn to our Observer and enquire of him.

“Well, the professionals tell us today,” he goes on, “that they have identified 31,400 species of fish living in the rivers and oceans. And they are finding several hundred new kinds every year, while many others have been lost to history.”

“More than 30,000 kinds of fish!” he goes on. “And there are many more varieties within each of those species! That’s more than any other category of living things!”

The Creator had once again shown His overflowing, super-abounding touch!

We look at the waters before us and stand amazed at the myriad of fish moving about. We realize that God was not creating an isolated fish here and there! He had actually created thousands of flourishing ecosystems, each with a variety of living fish and providing fully for the needs of each creature! There was even provision for the food chain that

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would be required for a giant 10-ton whale, from millions of tiny krill to more substantial fish that would satisfy a voracious appetite! And among all these marine creatures were to be found many that would make a vital contribution to the food needs of Man, soon to make his appearance.

As we watch one after another from the world of marine life happily gliding by, our Observer calls to point out two outstanding features.

“Notice their eyes!” he says excitedly. “They are perfectly adapted to seeing in the water, with millions of tiny light sensors in the back of each eye. And look at the way each has two eyes that work perfectly together to make one coordinated image. And no fish is without this amazing gift of two eyes!”

“Why, it’s as though the Creator Himself were putting His stamp on each of these living, moving creatures,” our faithful Guide breaks in. “This feature of two eyes is like His own signature saying, ‘I made it! This is My handiwork!’”

“Exactly!” says our Observer. “Each creature made by the Creator carries this remarkable insignia—two eyes that work efficiently together!”
“And notice the streamlined shape of its body!” our Observer continues. “Water ordinarily would be difficult to move around in. But the fish’s body, designed by the Master’s Touch, follows the best and most advanced aerodynamic principles.”

“And notice the gills. While swimming along, they take in a constant flow of water and extract the needed oxygen from it,” he further explains. “Their digestive system too is a model of perfection. They ingest the underwater plant growth, as well as smaller fish, and with a very adaptable digestive system assimilate efficiently the food they need!” our Observer concludes.

How did the Creator go about it?

Our well-read Reporter chimes in. “We now know that when fish were made on Day Five, God followed three orderly steps. He began with a Master Life Strand—in structure similar to the Life Strand we have already seen in the world of vegetation.”

“It is similar,” says our Guide, “to those of the vegetable kingdom, but with greater complexity. And with significant distinctives. Each creature of the sea is made with two eyes and a body built around functional symmetry—a distinctive mark of the Great Creator’s work. There are pairs of fins and marvelously balanced body parts, all working together in amazing functional harmony.”
“The first step was the creation of the Life Strand itself,” our faithful Guide goes on. “It would have been made with as many as 300 million base pairs of coded information, squeezed on to a gossamer strand only 2% of two meters long!”

“This first step,” our Observer explains, “clearly required the work of the Creator! Only He could make a Life Strand and incorporate it into that new form, a free-moving, living fish!”

“What a monumental task the Creator accomplished!” we exclaim.

Look at the final step, the making of an actual living organism. Each group of cells (the genes) is matched and activated with the individual parts of the fish itself. The body of the fish is, then, an exact embodiment of the information on the Living Strand, in every detail! How this is accomplished we do not know. But in the hands of a Great God, it happens! And a living, moving fish is the result!

There is an amazing three-part process with the DNA that is carried out with absolute precision and at lightning speed to make the life of each individual fish possible! And we realize, with wide-eyed astonishment, that what looked to be so effortless, as one fish after another flitted by, was in reality an ongoing miracle of a truly momentous nature!
We turn away from our fascination with the wonders of the sea and the rivers, and see to our amazement a bird, just made by the Creator’s hand, rising effortlessly on feathered wings as it makes its way through the sky above!

*And the Fifth Day is only half gone!*
Our faithful Guide reminds us that the Creator had pronounced:

God said, “Let birds fly above the earth in the open space of the atmosphere.” And God created every winged creature according to its kind.

God looked with satisfaction on what He saw. God blessed them saying, “Be fruitful and multiply. Let birds multiply throughout the earth.”

So there was an evening and a morning, and they comprised Day Five.
“Every winged creature!” our Observer exclaims in surprise. “Why, that would be more than 10,000 kinds, or bird species, and many more within each separate kind!”

**He made them all, at least a pair of every kind ever seen in all of history!** Right here on the Third Day. He made the sparrow and the crow, the goose and the crane. Each one, without exception! Every winged creature!

And the sky began to fill with happily flying birds! A pair of tiny hummingbirds here, a pair of giant whooping cranes there. And God had a smile on His face--from ear to ear, as it were—as He joyfully, and almost playfully it seemed, sent off a parade of colorful and amazingly different birds on their first flight!

“Why, we’ve always thought there were at most a handful that first day,” we burst out in surprise. “But more than 10,000 distinct kinds, with a large number of subspecies within each kind! That’s a huge number. Amazing!”

“Not beyond the reach of this Creator,” our Guide chimes in. “If He said it, He was able to do it. He was completely capable of fulfilling His word. He even separately designed each one!”

With tender loving care, God reached into His creative resources and, for the first time on Planet Earth, in an astonishing array of beauty, of song, of versatility, put on display the birds of the world!
Once again the Great Creator was demonstrating the distinctive nature of His new world--overflowing abundance! No skimping here! No sense of barely making it! Every bird, of every kind first appeared right here, on this Fifth Day!

“Look at all those quaintly colorful birds,” comments our Observer. “But they seem greatly outnumbered by all the diminutive, twittering birds, happily hopping about!”

Among these birds there was the gentle Blue Jay and the chattering Magpie,

~the murmuring dove and the humble sparrow,
~the quacking duck and the farmyard chicken,
~the soaring eagle and the hooting owl.

They were all there, in pairs, in all their pristine beauty of gorgeous, colorful array on that Fifth Day. With endless variety, the Great Creator had made them all!

God thoroughly enjoyed Himself that day! He carefully constructed each one, gave to it the plumage of His choice, gave it a song to sing and a minutely crafted body, so it could help “fill the heavens”, as He had ordered.

Beneath all that colorful plumage and that minutely designed aerodynamic body was another marvel--a body so precisely prepared and so exactingly made as to fulfill, with a flair, the bird’s destiny--to fly! Its construction, with strong muscles joined to a specially designed body
frame, obviously pointed to a bird not only flapping about, but rising on
the amazing strength of its wings into the freedom of the sky!

   Its body was extremely light, with specially designed hollow bones
seen nowhere else in all creation. And an overall aero-dynamic design
that allowed the bird to slip through the air in the most efficient manner
imaginable!

   “Look at those feathers!” exclaims our Guide. “So wonderfully
and painstakingly designed for flying! Marvels of engineering genius,
those bird feathers are extremely light and yet amazingly strong and
resilient, clearly designed for the uplift needed when a bird ascends into
the air.”

   And just how did this all come about? Here begins a story so
amazing, so totally God-like, as to leave us thunderstruck with
amazement! It’s a story that could not have been told (in terms
comprehensible to human readers at least) until 1963, when the last of
two happenings cast a new light on God’s work of Creation.

   **Those Life Strands Again**

   First, was the making of a wondrous Life Strand.

   What was so wondrous about it? It carried in “readable” form the
entire life story of that bird, a detailed, living blueprint that not only
defined the size and shape of every organ of the bird’s body. It also
carried the instructions for the construction of each part of the bird’s body.
These instructions when activated actually **buil**t that part of the body!
They were more than just a blueprint. They were a true, **living** blueprint, directly from the Creator’s Hand!

This living blueprint not only included every part of the bird’s body, it provided a minute-by-minute set of instructions for **every moment** of the bird’s life history! And this included the color of the bird’s feathers, the size and shape of the body, and even the characteristics of its movements and its song! Absolutely comprehensive!

In this way, 300 million codons (or base pairs) of information, were translated into coded form, then placed on a Life Strand and preserved there. Remember, this Life Strand is a mere two meters in length and is usually rolled into a tiny ball, infinitesimally small, but ranking as one of God’s Mighty Marvels!

This then turns out to be Step One in the “three C’s” of that bird and its Life Strand story, the making of its DNA Strand.

Then along with the **Creation** and cataloguing of the Master Strand itself came the **Copying** (or replication) of the DNA millions of times over. Copies of it were placed in every cell throughout the body. And finally, the amazing **Control** feature of the Life Strand was activated by the Hand of God, with all of the information on the DNA Strand available and in exact sequence, all 300 million bits!

And when this happened, a new living creature began its time on earth!
It was just as God’s Word had said, “The life of every living thing is in His hand.” (Job 12:10)

As the Creator activates the Life Strand in these steps, the process with that one bird is complete. The precise pattern determined by the Creator Himself has been brilliantly and in detail incorporated into a living organism, an actual “bird body.”

And the acid test? That bird actually flies! Not falteringly, but with excitement and with a flourish, as it does its dives and curves and other amazing feats in the heavens above.

**An Advanced Navigational System**

Then we find that many of these feathered wonders possess another incredible gift, a highly developed navigational system! Near home, they quickly find their way back to their home nest, even when blown far off their usual path by a storm. Many of them make the long journey from North to South in search of ideal feeding grounds. And back again, from South to North, returning from their long trek, having flown thousands upon thousands of miles!

Birds are mentioned in the Bible over 300 times, often with a choice morsel of Spirit-given wisdom. One example, “Ask the animals, and they will teach you. Go to the birds of the air and they will tell you.” (Job 7:12)
9.

Let the Animals Appear

Now it is the Sixth Day. And this promises to be the most prolific day of the entire week! God’s sweeping creative decree: “Let the animals appear.” In His decree, the Creator included:

1. Wild animals of the world.
2. Domestic livestock.
3. Behemoth and Leviathan (Dinosaurs).
4. Insects, “everything that moves along the ground.”

And God made the astonishing announcement that each creature He made would be the first of many generations to follow! Each, together with its mate, would be capable of reproducing precise copies of itself for future generations, carbon copies of the original.
Already, the sky was crowded with swooping, twirling birds—joyfully filling the skies with their happy antics and their thrilling bird songs. The seas too were full to the brim, it seemed, with fish of all shapes and sizes.

How would the Creator go about bringing into being living creatures that would walk on the earth?

**The Wild Animals of the World**

Here and there, they began to appear—a monkey, a bear, a zebra! Each one lovingly shaped by the Hand of God, each one reflecting exactly the pattern God had determined in His great heart of love—the color and texture of the hair, the precise body shape. Every detail!

They were always in pairs. Over there were two rabbits, happily prancing about on their first outing. Not far away, a pair of lions romped in the forest, exercising their lungs—the first lion roar ever heard on Planet Earth! Scurrying toward the river, two beavers were testing out their new surroundings. There was a pair of diminutive weasels, too, already hiding in the rich foliage of their new home.

What a happy lot, as each faced with wide-eyed wonder its first day alive!

“Look a little closer,” our Guide says, “and you will see a most intriguing element in all of this. The Creator is clearly making these creatures as fully developed, fully functioning animals—able to see and to run at once, fully conscious and fully aware of their surroundings.”

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Our Observer adds, “and there is something more! The Creator is determining for each its **total environment**--its ideal temperature range, it’s adequate food and water supply, it’s suitable dwelling place—even the predators which would control the total number of survivors! In each case, He is forging a distinctive family-like community setting, an eco-system, designed to meet the needs of that particular animal.”

What a comprehensive approach the Creator was taking! How truly God-like!

God the Creator was vividly showing once again that He deeply cared for each of the creatures He made. It was not a cruel, heartless world He was making. It was a world where every detail of each creature’s need was lovingly provided for. It was a world God Himself could delight in!

And as the God of Perfection, He stepped back, looked over the world with its vast array of new inhabitants and said, “It is good.”

It was entirely to His satisfaction, a work of Perfection!

“Let’s look a little more closely at the steps God followed in making the wild animals,” suggests our science-minded Observer. “On the Sixth Day the Life Strands again played an important role.”

“God first had made a Master Life Strand for each kind of these living creatures,” he continued. “The elephant and the monkey. The horse and the camel. In each body was imbedded the Life Strand which
carried both the DNA and the instructions covering its replication and activation. And we know He made two of each kind, male and female, setting the scene for them to reproduce.”

“How many animals would have been made that day?” we enquire. “Based on those still remaining on the earth, there would have been more than 23,000 kinds--15,000 animals and 6000 varieties of reptiles. Beside this, there would have been many more small and unknown creatures," he explains.

“Whatever the number, the Creator individually designed a Life Strand for each,” our Guide reminds us, “It was a truly a gigantic task!”

“Yes, and putting those 300 million codons of DNA information on that two-meter Strand, in precisely the right order, was only the beginning,” our Observer joins in. “There was still the incredibly complex job of making millions of copies of the Strand, and then applying that information exactly where it was needed. Only then was an actual living body formed!”

Our explorers look at one another again with amazement! “This making of the animals of the world was clearly an earth-shaking event!” one of them exclaims. “It would powerfully affect the world for all of its history!”

“What a vast array of new animal life appeared for the first time that day!” comments our Guide. “Think of the surefooted mountain goat, leaping with total abandon from one rocky ledge to another, never faltering. What about the playful monkey swinging effortlessly from tree
to tree? Or the lowly gopher burrowing away to prepare his underground dwelling? Each was instantly making use of the amazing abilities God had given,” he continued. “Each ability was clearly designed by the Maker and built into the very structure of that animal’s body.”

In this way, the Great Creator brought into being the incredible variety of life found in the forests and wide-open fields of the world! It was no haphazard world God was somehow allowing to drift into existence. It would be an expression of His Perfections, with each animal fulfilling its own assigned purpose, meshing together into a well-rounded picture of magnificent beauty and meaningful purpose.

The Domestic Animals of the World

God said, “Let there appear throughout the earth living creatures,…domestic cattle, each according to own kind.”

Sheep and cows. Pigs and water buffalo. There was no mistaking the purpose behind God’s creation of all the domestic animals--providing a full and well-balanced food supply for mankind He was planning to make later that very day!

He said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food.” All the variety and abundance of the entire world of vegetables and fruit was here
provided by the Loving Hand of God Himself for men to eat! Even the carrots and potatoes in the field, the cherries and grapes in the orchard, were carefully prepared and provided!

Today, He would carry His purpose one major step forward. He would provide the added ingredient of nutritious protein for a full and well-balanced diet!

To do this, the Creator specifically designed a handful of special creatures. They would be made specially to take the greenery He had created earlier, to process it and make it available for humans as meat and milk.

Look at the cow God fashioned that day! Designed especially to serve as a domestic animal, it has an amazingly docile disposition, and feeding on the grass of the field, grows to as much as 2,000 kilograms, providing an amazing amount of delicious and nutritious meat for men and women world-wide. It boasts four special compartments to its digestive system, making possible the efficient digestion of even stubborn, hard-to-digest grasses. And the female cow, after giving birth to a calf will produce as much as 25 liters of milk, day after day. What a marvel of efficient, well-planned production of one of the essentials for the human race!

“That is why today, thousands of years after God created the first cow on Day Six, we see more than 1.53 billion cows world-wide! They come in a wide variety of colors and shapes, and they are all direct descendants of those originals God made during the First Week!
And what shall we say of the more than one billion sheep that are grazing world-wide today? They too make a giant contribution to man’s need for meat and milk, for healthy nutrition. They too were designed by the Creator’s loving hand and over the centuries have made a major contribution to man’s welfare.

What about the pigs and the chickens, ubiquitous wherever man is found? Men of science tell us there are more than 24 billion chickens and over a billion pigs doing their part as domestic animals today. Then, there are others like the water buffalo and the camel who have their niche to fill. God made them each on the Sixth Day.
Next, God said, "Let there appear throughout the earth living creatures, each according to its own kind;... creatures that move along the ground and the animals of the earth, each according to its own kind." And that is exactly how it came to be.

God made the animals of the world, each according to its own kind, and the domestic animals according to their kinds, and everything that moves along the ground, each according to its own kind.

And God looked with satisfaction on what He saw.

Did God actually design and make the dinosaurs? The answer comes back--a resounding "yes!" They are distinctly God’s handiwork! They display all the signs—two eyes, wonderful symmetrical design.

How can we speak with such assurance? First, because God in His Word has repeatedly said so! “I made the earth and everything in it,” the Creator proclaimed. “God made...everything that moves along the ground.” And specifically, “Take a look at the mighty behemoth which I have made, even as I made you." (Job 40:15) And verse 19, “Its limbs are bars of iron. It (the behemoth) is a prime example of God’s amazing handiwork.” (Job 40:19). “No one can catch it off guard or put a ring in its nose and lead it away.” (v. 24)
Then, even though no living example remains, there is every indication from the bones that do remain that they tell a remarkable story of a God-created animal. They walked on four legs, were perfectly symmetrical in their body design as are all the other animals that came from God’s hand. They each had two eyes--an especially distinctive mark of God’s Creation. They had the basic organs, similar to all other animals--lungs, a four chamber heart, a nervous system, a functioning brain.

The behemoth and the leviathan are not imaginary creatures. They are repeatedly referred to in Scripture, the one a huge creature living on the land, the other a giant resident of the sea. They are real animals God made on the Sixth Day!
The description of these giants given in the Bible remarkably matches the “dinosaur” often referred to in our day. Not all animals called dinosaurs, however, were massive and fearsome creatures.

Working from fossilized bones (usually found in ancient riverbeds) men of science have pieced together the structure of over 1,000 kinds, some as small as cats or dogs, ranging up to the massive creatures of 80 tons and commonly referred to as dinosaurs.

So there is every indication in the reliable record that when the Creator made the animals of the world He included the dinosaurs! And the record goes on to tell of encounters between giant dinosaurs and man. Hunting parties that sought to capture a dinosaur—all of them unsuccessful!

The mystery of course is, What happened to them, since none remain alive today?

No really clear picture emerges, either from history or from the Scriptures. But enough fragments remain to provide a meaningful answer.

First, when created at the same time as man, specifically on Day Six (Job 40:15), it was as a truly beautiful and majestic animal, “its tail as strong as a cedar” lying ‘under the lotus plants,...not disturbed by the raging river.”

In the Great Flood of Noah’s day, God simply chose not to carry the dinosaur over into the new world of that day, and they became part of
the 90% of history’s animals which became extinct. They perished in the floodwaters, leaving behind only scattered remains, especially in ancient river beds.

**Of Butterflies and Bees and Wrigley Things!**

People often recoil at wrigley worms and buzzing insects, not realizing that they are an essential link in keeping the world livable!

～Without the insects burrowing in the soil, that soil would not develop and could not produce essential crops.

～Without the insects which avidly devour dead bodies and other refuse, humans would find themselves buried in an endless pile of rotting garbage.

Next, God said, “Let there appear throughout the earth living creatures, each according to its own kind….creatures that move along the ground, each according to its own kind.”

And that is exactly how it came to be. And God looked with satisfaction on what He saw.

～Without bees and other insects constantly flitting from flower to flower, those flowers would never be pollinated and produce the fruit and flowers they so wonderfully make.

～Without the insects devouring many of the pests in the world, people would be overcome by them!

～Without the fast-growing insects that are found everywhere, many types of birds simply would not exist. They subsist on insects!
The humble insect is an essential caretaker in this world! Often unnoticed and unsung, he is nevertheless a vital cornerstone of the world!

The Great Creator in His Master Plan saw the need for the world of insects. “Yes,” says our faithful Guide. “He saw the vital role they would play. And on Day Six, He designed and made them. All of them!”

“In fact,” adds our Observer. “He made so many of them that men of science tell us that insects account for fully 20% of all types of living creatures! A staggering one million kinds (species) have been identified and are alive in our world today!”

An insect can be described as an air-breathing animal with a hard, jointed shell forming its skeleton, and a body divided into three parts—the head, with a pair of antennae, the thorax with three pairs of legs and usually two pairs of wings, and an abdomen which contains the digestive system and the reproductive organs. They come in thousands of different sizes and shapes, each with a distinctive purpose, planned by God Himself.

Many insects have been given by God an amazing gift of communication with one another. They use this gift to build and control remarkable social communities. The honey bee is an outstanding example. It will build its community—sometimes very large—and while producing honey, will carry on an astonishing world of activity and of efficient organization.
The ant, too, presents a marvelous picture of organized, community-style organization.

The tiny ant has been known to build an “ant city” as much as six or eight feet tall, complete with air conditioning systems, and with its millions of ant inhabitants building an efficient and well-organized community. Their achievements, with each member busily filling its own well-organized niche and displaying God-given “ant wisdom” is a cause for amazement!

Apart from the helpful and essential elements contributed tiny insects, there is also often the problem of pest insects--millions of them--whether grasshoppers eating valuable crops or beetles devouring healthy trees, insects can also be a considerable inconvenience, and a source of heavy damage to human activities, especially when their habitat is encroached upon. So not every element of the story of insects is a happy one! But in a majority of cases, insects are necessary and helpful caretakers of our world!

In this way, God fulfilled the sweeping announcement of His plan for Day Six--to make the animals and insects of the world. And then He meticulously proceeded to produce precisely what He said He would produce. These living originals became the creatures from which, in each case, descendents have lived and reproduced over the intervening years since.

We look at the animals of all kinds, and are surprised to learn that more than ninety percent of the various types of animals God made have become extinct! They have been lost over years, some to natural
disasters, some to disease and accident, some to the Great Flood of Noah’s day. And what we see today are the remnants of an earlier glorious day when God first so wonderfully created the animals of the world!

What a sight that must have been! What an experience if we could only go back and catch a glimpse of the glories of what that world was like!

Today we know, what even fifty years ago was not known, that this Great Creator in every single case where He was making a new form of life, made central use of the Life Strand! It was a gossamer strand only two meters in length, rolled into a tiny ball, but with as many as three million codons of the protein-based genetic code on each. And those three million codons not only expressed the exact blueprint for the animals which appeared at that time, but became the comprehensive blueprint from which would come the many generations to follow! God has chosen, before the close of time, to let us in on one of His amazing secrets!

Did the Creator need this Life Strand with its DNA instructions as a help in His work of creation? Not at all! The infinite Creator did not need help of any kind. The Life Strand, from the beginning formed a central part of God’s overall plan to lay the groundwork for future generations! It is the repository, as men of science have discovered in our generation, of the genetic information needed to produce the future succeeding generations!
But it is apparent that God wanted this generation to have this amazing knowledge, as a testimony to His wonder-working powers--and as a call to this generation to open their hearts to Him.

It is a sad commentary on our day that our generation has failed to respond to His call!

After the breathtaking experience of seeing the animals of the world come into existence, we pause for a moment. We look with amazement and wonder at the tremendous variety of creatures God has made, from the lion to the bee!

And this is when we realize, shockingly, that the day is only half gone!

What further wonders does the Creator have in mind for the rest of the day?
10. The Masterpiece

It is now afternoon. *The Sixth Day!*

Following His Master Plan, the Creator-God has worked His way through an amazing array of creative feats.

He has dressed up the earth in its final, beautiful form. The air, the water, the land—all are now in perfect balance and fine-tuned to produce an ideal environment for the creatures He has made and has placed securely in the midst of an otherwise hostile universe.

The Supreme One has also climbed through the making of a world of greenery, the molding of a world of birds and of fish, the creating of a world of animals. Only the last peak now remains, the highest point in the Eternal One’s creative activities!
Suddenly, in a moment, he appears!

The First Man!

And God said, “Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, over the domestic animals, and over all the earth, and over every living thing that moves along the ground.” And God created man in His image, in the likeness of God He created him. He created them male and female. God blessed Man and said to them, “Be fruitful. Multiply. Fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves in the earth.”

And God said, “Look, I have given you every plant on the face of the whole earth that bears seeds and every tree which has fruit with seeds in it. These will be food for you. And to every animal on the earth, to every bird in the sky and to everything that has life and moves along the ground, I have given every green plant as food for them.” And that is just how it came to be.

God looked over everything He had made. And behold, He was completely satisfied. So there was a morning and an evening, and they made up Day Six. (Genesis 1:1-31).

What was a few moments ago merely a Thought in the Creator’s Mind has become a living, throbbing reality! God has
“formed man from the common elements (literally, the dust of the ground)” and “breathed into man the breath of life, and he became a living being!” (NLT).

Complete! Fully conscious! Fully aware of the world around him! And he appears, not at the infant stage, but at early maturity, instantly able not only to see but to speak, to think, to hear, to respond!
What did that First Man see as he opened his eyes? He saw *Paradise* around him! He saw, with amazement, the finished earth as it had come from the Hand of its Creator! He saw a world of overflowing abundance in all its pristine glory! He saw the trees and the flowers in all their colorful array and the blazing glory of their beauty and perfection! He gazed in astonished wonder at the animals that crowded around him! He watched intrigued as the birds joyfully floated through the sky above him, as the silvery fish glided effortlessly through the waters at his feet!

“Oh, the beauty of it all! This is wonderful!” he shouts jubilantly. “And God has decreed that I will be responsible to watch over all of this! What a happy assignment!” He turns over in his mind the thought as he recalls the words of the Supreme One.

Our traveling group looks on in rapt wonder. Without a word; until, that is, our Observer blurts out, “Look at the way the Man sees everything around him! He is taking it all in and reveling in the awesome beauty of the moment, at everything he sees!”

Our very knowledgeable Guide comments, “He has been given the most marvelous of all gifts, the gift of sight,” he explains. “and is already making full use of it!”

“God went to great pains to design and construct the eye,” our perceptive Guide continues. “That eye was only the size of a grape, a ball of jelly-like substance. But in the hands of the Master Workman, it became a true marvel of incomprehensible efficiency and wonder!”

“As soon as he blinked,” our Guide carries on, “his eye received a flow of images, and it sent those images streaming on an astonishing 132 million channels to the visual center of his brain, from tiny light sensors in the back of the eye! Then in the brain, that information was processed into one coordinated image.
And, wonder of wonders, *the man sees*--everything within range and in full color! The eye does what it was designed to do!

“What an indescribably wonderful First Gift for the First Man!” he goes on to exclaim.

“And this is just the first of many wonders he is relishing for the first time,” says our patient Guide. “Look at the way his entire frame moves with perfect coordination. To control his body, his brain has millions of tiny electrical connections that make up an amazing communications network!”

“Then, there is a flow of blood throughout that body that includes a constantly-pumping heart,” our Guide continues. “and an amazing 96,000 kilometers of blood vessels! That flow carries over *thirty million* tiny red corpuscles, each with a job to do, delivering warmth and oxygen and nutrients throughout the body. It is as though that body had inside it thirty million tiny trucks, each delivering its precious cargo to just the right place and at just the right time! Truly a marvel of God’s creative genius!”

“Beyond these marvels of that First Body,” he goes on to say. “There are hundreds of other colossal, minutely designed features that work together in perfect coordination to produce that first human body. It is truly an amazing, *awe-inspiring masterpiece*, worthy of the Great Creator!”

**The Life Strand**

“I wonder what part the Life Strand and its DNA played in all of this,” enquires our inquisitive Observer.

“A very important part!” our knowledgeable Guide responds. “The full Master Design was first of all meticulously drawn up by the Great Creator and placed in coded form on a Master ‘Life Strand.’ It was a comprehensive blueprint or DNA, covering every aspect of the Man’s shape and form, over his entire lifetime!
“To take care of this” our enthusiastic Observer explains, “the Life Strand carries a colossal three billion ‘codons’ (genetic “words”). These instructions are placed on a Life Strand and wrapped into a tight ball. Then, a precise copy of this all-important bundle is made and placed, amazingly, at the center of every one of 100 trillion cells which would go to make up the human body!”

“It makes the head spin,” comments our Observer. “just to think of this intricate process! But this is the picture that emerges as we look at the information God has made available to us!”

Delving more deeply, we find that this Master Life Strand not only carries the living blueprint (DNA) of a complete body structure. It also provides for two essential processes--the copying (replication) and the control of the entire body’s functioning, through an entire lifetime! It not only carries the God-created DNA, but along with it instructions for the incomprehensibly complex “replication process” that produces copies at lightning speed for the entire body. And it carries also genetic instructions for the “control process”, the process that brings to bear all the DNA information on the various parts of the body, completing the incredible DNA saga. It brings it to the point that is indisputably the greatest of all moments, when life actually begins!

The Creator Himself in the end adds a miracle of monumental proportions! He grants to that body an eternal spirit, the gift from heaven that makes man completely unique.

No God, no life! The Creator has decreed that He, and He alone, is the Giver of Life! This prerogative He will share with no other! Here, when the Creator Himself steps in, the entire process is complete! Here has been performed that creative miracle that absolutely defies description!

Here, literally, life begins!
It is that magic moment after which men have sought and struggled and found to be an unspeakable mystery! No efforts of men have ever been able to duplicate even a small portion of it.

Life has begun! Real, beautiful, throbbing life!

So in one moment, the DNA has finished what it was made to do, and the Creator Himself steps in to add the final touch. He throws the switch, as it were, on each DNA chromosome (how, we do not know), activating those genes and making them into one grand living entity! Now, when the DNA of the body has been activated and has been made a living, physical entity, then the other miracle of earth-shaking significance takes place! God imparts the gift of an eternal spirit! And (as the Bible puts it) “The man became a living soul” (Genesis 2:7).

**A complete, functioning body and a spirit designed for eternity, are brought together!**

**And at that moment man is complete -- just as God planned!** This is indeed the miracle of all miracles, the point of high drama to which all else points, including all of the studies and research having to do with DNA.

Who but the Supreme One Himself, the awesomely Great Creator, could even conceive of such an accomplishment, let alone cause it to happen? And who but that Creator-God could then make it function efficiently in millions upon millions of human lives!

**“Like God”**

“The stunning announcement for Day Six,” our Guide reminds us, was “Let Us make man in Our image.”

“Whatever does that mean,” asks our incredulous Observer. “In what ways are we like God? We seem so different!”

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“Clearly,” responds our knowledgeable Guide, “The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit--the Godhead--conferred and decided that certain features of God’s mysterious nature would be replicated in man’s makeup. Features like a high level of intelligence were included. And added as a part of Man’s makeup were a wonderfully functioning memory, powerful emotions, and a decision-making will. All of these are marks of God’s nature!”

“So that is why this First Man showed evidence of each of these abilities from the very first hour,” exclaims our Observer. “What wonderful gifts they were--not visible to the eye, but real!”

“That explains his jumping up and down with joy! He was expressing his emotions!” he continues. “And why he paid so much attention to each of the animals! He was remembering all he saw and felt. And he was able to express himself to God and even show mature signs of a highly intelligent person.”

“Amazingly,” our Guide comments, “the First Man did not need to learn these skills! They were clearly built in, as part of what the Creator gave him that day. In these vital respects, he had been made ‘like God!’”

What an amazing picture of the handiwork of the Creator!

The animals and the birds, too, had been given a certain degree of intelligence, and even of communication abilities. But the gap between them and the God-like human skills was clearly so great as to defy description! All attempts by men to bridge the gap, such as teaching a gorilla to talk, have ended in hopeless frustration. A three-year-old child can clearly run circles--no contest--around the most advanced gorilla, as far as intellect is concerned!
The God-designed Human Being

The God-designed human being is altogether incredible! He moves about with dexterity, governs his life with amazing facility, expresses his joys and his sorrows in a thousand ways—all the while effectively utilizing a host of complex organs, all seamlessly woven together into one remarkably compact package—the Human Body!

When the Great Creator designed that First Human Body, He had several objectives in mind. First, it would incorporate some of the features of the Supreme One Himself
-- he would be a moral being, able to distinguish between right and wrong, with the ability to relate to God Himself,
-- he would be able to communicate freely, with God and with other human beings,
-- and he would have the unique gift of highly intelligent thinking.

He would be given a distinct “spirit.”

To make these functions fully meaningful and even colorful, God gave him three other abilities: a decision-making will, a set of emotions ranging from happiness and contentment to anger and hostility, and a memory, vividly recalling, even in full color and in full motion, the events through which he would pass.

This was his “soul”, that unseen but real, part of his structure, that would reach “down” as it were into every day experience, while his spirit reached ”upward” to relate to Deity and eternity.
In this way, the First Man would have three distinct parts to him: spirit, soul and body. And he would be designed in such a way as to be able, in resurrected form, to be part of the eternity dimension, following has time on earth.

With all of these features in mind, what kind of physical structure would the Great Creator give to that First Man?

The design of that First Man turned out to be the Ultimate Masterpiece, displaying the highest and best of all the Creator’s abilities! It expressed majestically the Great Plan of His Great Heart! It was a Masterpiece of unspeakable complexity. It was designed to function in such a way as to endure through an entire lifetime, all the while fully functioning smoothly and efficiently, and fulfilling the objectives of the unseen part of his nature.

Moving on to the next part of Man’s physical structure, we find five abilities of immense significance. First among them is the critical ability to see! It involves no fewer than forty complex subsystems, including one that conveys to the brain millions of streams of light as they flow into the eye. Add to this the facilities to make adjustment for focus and distance, for light and dark, the protective features that keep the eye itself safe and clean--and the human eye can be best described as the most advanced and intricately engineered device in the universe!

But the God-designed ear is not far behind, providing a hearing facility to go along with the seeing! With its millions of tiny hairs in each ear, it picks up sound vibrations and turns them into tiny electric impulses that are conveyed to the brain, where they are “translated” into a meaningful audio message. This, too, is a wonder of the Creator’s inventive genius!
And the ability to feel, and to draw meaning from the touch? Unobtrusively, the body as God designed it provides an amazing channel of vital information with everything around us. Whether what we are holding is hot or cold to the touch, the sensory system seamlessly works together with the nerves and muscles, to keeps us from dangers and even to enhance our pleasures at times.

And what would life be without the joys, and sometimes the warnings, coming from the ability to taste and smell? They wonderfully enhance the joys of life!

Unobtrusively, the fourth level is an inside-the-body God-designed system that is constantly at work and amazingly effective. It keeps bodily functions in good balance and keeps them functioning smoothly. It is known as the endocrine system, and controls such vital functions as maintaining body temperature, triggering pangs of hunger and thirst when food or water is needed.

Then there is the delicate need for certain chemicals in the body to maintain many delicate aspects of bodily functions. And finally the sensation of pain, often to warn of some lack or malfunction in the body, sometimes as a warning to take corrective steps.

As a foundation for these exalted purposes, and as a platform from which they can be exercised, the Great Creator fashioned the amazing physical human body and brought it into being.

First of all, He developed in His Great Mind the entire human body, with all its bones and muscles, its eleven internal systems, (including the organs for breathing and digesting) -- a full living blueprint!
He then, in one of the most momentous happenings imaginable, took all of that information, transcribed it in ultra-miniature form into a genetic language He had developed, and in truly God-like fashion, expressed its three billion genetic “words” onto a few centimeters of a gossamer strand—the first DNA, carried on the first Life Strand!

It was from that one Life Strand that the Creator formed Adam, the First Man!

It was from that one Life Strand that the All-wise Creator provided copies that would over the years grow into the human race!

Why did you go through these steps?

Because He had a purpose that reached far beyond the creation of just one man! From the one Life Strand which God made, His all-seeing eye could see thousands of years ahead, and that from copies of that one strand, billions upon billions of human beings would come, produced over thousands of years and many generations, and would grow into an entire race of human beings!

Each individual would be given one precise copy carrying each of the genetic features of Adam’s body. Yet each individual would be entirely distinctive, even though with less than 1/10 of 1% of the DNA for variations! Each in the end would be accountable to His Creator for the actions he performed while using that body, whether they were pleasing to the Creator or were not.

As we look then at the eleven incredible body systems, they start off with a super-efficient process that takes in its food and in an amazing twenty-two step digestive process converts it into the energy and warmth the body needs.

The next need is for oxygen, a moment-by-moment necessity. A pair of lungs serves this purpose, taking oxygen from the air and sending it throughout the body as a constant, life-sustaining flow.
At the center of this marvelous body, the Creator designed and provided an amazing 24-hour-a-day working pump, the heart, that would carry necessary nutrients and warmth and oxygen to every cell in the body -- 100 trillion of them!

This blood flow carries, through an astounding 96,000 km of blood vessels in the body, an amazing 30 million or more tiny red corpuscles. And each of these -- hear this! -- carries its precious cargo
~ to exactly the right place
~ at exactly the right time
~ through an entire life-time!

What an amazing Masterpiece of efficient activity!

This human body, with all intricate parts, was the centerpiece of all God’s creative activity. It was the one thing more than any other that would be a display of His Handiwork!

This was indeed the Ultimate Masterpiece!

We look once more at this marvelous human body, and what do we see?

It is all aglow! With a light from the “spirit,” it shines with the Glory of God! All of the amazing features of this body, as God intended it, work together to proclaim the Glory of God, the praises of the Great Creator! Each one of the intricate features of the body marvelously meshed together to follow the dictates of the unseen parts, ultimately to follow the will and the wishes of the Unseen God with whom it was in contact, and cast its heavenly “glow” over the entire being.
In an amazing way, this was true of the First Man. But (as we shall see in a later chapter), though in the beginning his state was perfect, it tragically became marred. The glow was lost! And though Adam’s loss was immeasurable, the promise of God was given that a door would be opened later for the full restoration of that original glory.

One day, the spirit of man, in which had been sown the seeds of death and rebellion, would in a marvelous “grace” fashion, be restored. Made alive again!

And God Made Woman

At this point, the Great Creator once again reviewed the being He had made and said, “It is not good that the Man should be alone. He should be provided with a suitable companion.” He was to provide a beautiful, exalted answer to the need for heart-union fellowship in His newly created Man.

In a unique step not duplicated in any other part of Creation, the Great Creator took from the Man, from his “side”, a part of both his physical and emotional makeup.
The Great Creator then incorporated that part of Man’s makeup into another newly created being of exquisite beauty and thoughtful design. This new being was made to be a companion for Man, one with whom loving fellowship could be realized.

She would be called, “Woman.” And the most intimate and exalted of all earthly relationships was established!

In this way, God lovingly planned and made Man, male and female, the most intricate and versatile of all the beings to come from His hand. Every other creature was only a faint shadow of this high point of God’s creative genius.

The Supreme One, as an expression that flowed from a heart overflowing with Love, had produced His Masterpiece!

He looked it over; He examined it from every side. And He decreed it completely acceptable, perfect, even to His eye of perfection.

Not only that, He looked at all He had made over the past six days. And in joyous tones He declared, “It is very good! It is just what I had in mind!”
The Lord God said, “It is not good that the Man should be alone. I will make a companion suited to him.”

From the common elements of the ground, the Lord God had formed every animal in the fields and every bird in the sky. He brought them to the Man to see what he would call them. And whatever the Man called each living creature, that became the name given to it. The Man gave names to all the domestic animals, to the birds of the sky and to every wild animal.

But for the Man, there was not found among them a companion suited to him. The Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on the Man. While he slept God removed from him a part of his body and then closed up the flesh from which it had been taken. From that portion of his body which He had taken from Man, God made a Woman and brought her to the man.

And the man said, “She is now part of my bones and flesh. She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” So a man will leave his father and his mother and be united with his wife, and they shall be one. They were both naked, the man and his wife. And they felt no shame. (Genesis 2:18-25)

So it was that for the sixth time, there was a morning and an evening.

And they made up the Sixth Day in an Incredible Week!

The Sovereign One looked over His handiwork, and smiled with complete satisfaction!

From Ear to Ear, as it were!
11. **Paradise!**

*It was the Seventh Day,* and the Creator had finished the work He set out to do. Everything He had so meticulously planned He had now completed.

The result…. Paradise!

A beautiful and abounding *Paradise!*

Flowers were everywhere, blooming in grand profusion. Trees of every variety graced the landscape. The rivers and oceans abounded with an amazing array of fish and marine life. Birds of every imaginable shape and color filled the sky. Domestic animals abounded and wild animals of every kind were enjoying their newfound surroundings.

And two people, Adam and Eve, were surveying all of this with amazement and wonder!
God had completed His painstaking work of making a New World. He had peopled it with a vast variety of living creatures and He stepped back, as it were, to drink in the sight of all He had made. It was an unrelieved picture of boundless delights and joyful colors. Never had there been a scene of such beauty, such balance, such utter perfection! It was pleasant to the eye, ready to fulfill its God-given destiny!

As the Great Creator looked at it all, including the Man and the Woman, He proclaimed it, “Good!”

In fact, He said, “It is very good!” The Great God of Heaven Himself was fully satisfied.

In this way, the making of the heavens and the earth was finished, along with everything they contained.

On the seventh day, God had finished the work He had been doing, and He rested from all His work of creation.

God set aside the seventh day as His own, because on that day He rested from all the work He had been doing in creating and making all things. (Genesis 2:1-3).

What followed was the most beautiful of all scenes -- God and his newly created Man and Woman enjoying fellowship together. They talked together. They walked together, as though enjoying the serenity of a cool summer evening. Day after day, without fail, the Great God of heaven made Himself known to His new companions and the Man and Woman responded with fervor and enthusiasm.

What sweet, harmonious fellowship they enjoyed! With total freedom and complete abandon, the three of them daily walked and talked together.
“I wonder what they were talking about?” enquired our keen Observer. “I am sure Adam and Eve commented on all the new and wonderful things they were experiencing.”

“And they certainly expressed their appreciation for the beauty and availability of everything around them. With true heart-felt thanks, they expressed their gratitude to the Creator Himself for making it all,” he went on.

“They were overwhelmed with the wonder of it all and were saying so,” added our faithful Guide. “How very pleasing that would be to the heart of the One who had so recently made all these beautiful things. Day after day, as they experienced one new thing after another, Adam and Eve joyously expressed their gratitude and their wonder at all they saw and heard and felt.”

“As they did, I imagine they lifted their hands toward heaven,” our thoughtful Observer comments. “as they talked excitedly about one feature after another. And when words could no longer express what they wanted to say, they lifted their hands toward the sky, as though saying, ‘Oh, the wonder of it all! Thank you, Lord! Thank you! THANK YOU!’”

It was a wonderful, heartfelt exchange as they shared together day after day and week after week.

**Adam’s Enquiry**

One day Adam was especially thoughtful. “You have asked us to look after all of this in Your behalf, all of this world You have made,” he said, and enquired of the Creator, “Do You have guidelines You want us to follow?”

“Yes, I do!” the Great Creator responded, “There are four things I would like you to keep in mind:

First, always **do what is right and just**. Be fair and honest in all your dealings.

Second, **be merciful and kind in your dealings with others**.
Third, **maintain a spirit of humility**, and at all costs avoid a spirit of pride and self-centeredness.

Fourth, **stay in close fellowship with Me.** I will at all times be available to help and support you, as a Shepherd cares for his flock of sheep.”

“In this way, it is My desire that

*justice* and *mercy*,

*humility* and *loyalty*

be the hallmarks of our new world,” the Creator went on. “And as you teach your children these principles and they teach their children after them, we will see a harmonious world develop, prosperous in every way.”

“I will most gladly follow Your instructions,” the Man responded with fervor. “I promise to do exactly as You have instructed, with all my heart.” Adam spoke with firm commitment.

Those were wonderful, happy days, in a wonderful, beautiful Paradise!

**How Long?**

“I wonder how long those blissful days of Paradise continued,” our Observer asks.

“We have no record as to how long those pristine conditions continued,” our Guide explains. “Dark clouds later developed, but you can be sure the original Paradise was maintained long enough for the Creator Himself to revel in the beauties and wonders of all He had made.”

“The information left to us covering the following years is sketchy. But the next worldwide event of significance was the worldwide Flood of Noah’s day.” explains our Guide. “And that seems to have been about 2,000 years later. But God, in giving the history of those days, did not consider it important or necessary to provide a definite time-line. So we just do not know.”
“However, we are not left in the dark,” he goes on to explain “There are other factors, some hints as to the time involved between the Creation and the Flood of Noah’s day. One is the record, including the names of the key men involved, of ten generations between Adam and Noah. People lived longer in those days, so where one generation is considered today about 30 years, perhaps ten generations then would have been about 4,000 years or even longer.

From the Creation Week to Noah’s Flood

The representative men of the years between the Creation and the Flood were: Adam, Seth, Enos, Canaan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech and Noah. Ten generations.

The record provided in Genesis lists the birth and then the death of these men, with the number of years between. It indicates a period of 1657 years. However, there appear to be some gaps in the written record. If we add a hypothetical 150 years to allow for such gaps, and another 200 years from Creation until the fall of Man, we come to a total of approximately 2000 years for the time from Adam to Noah. Without being dogmatic on the matter, we simply accept this total of 2000 years as an approximate timeline between Creation and Noah’s Flood, taking into consideration all factors stated or inferred in the Scriptures.

Growing Fossil Materials

“Another factor,” our Observer notes, “may have been the fact that God later, at the time of the Flood, converted huge amounts of fossil material into petroleum. This is the only time in all the record where the growth of these plants and trees and fish and animals could have occurred.”

“What an interesting observation,” says the Guide. “Billions and billions of barrels of oil are being pumped from the deep places of the earth where God placed them, and it would have required vast amounts of foliage and decaying bodies. and long periods of time, to grow that quantity of fossil materials.”

“Conditions on the earth would have been ideal for rapid growth,” our insightful Observer notes. “And could even have included provision for not only petroleum, but also for natural gas, coal, and even such things as potash fertilizer, all of which come from fossil materials. And the Creator could very well have lengthened the paradise-like conditions to have provided for these fossil materials, which He could foresee would be welcomed in our modern world.”

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“In any case,” our Guide breaks in, “we must remember that we simply do not know the length of that period from Creation to Noah’s Flood. We will just have to leave it in the Creator’s wise hand, and trust Him.”

“Agreed,” we all chime in, “And we can agree, too, that it was a few thousand years, and not the millions of years spoken of by those who do not accept the authoritative information given by the Creator Himself.”

Then the Lord God planted a garden area toward the east, in Eden (Place of Delight). There He placed the Man whom He had formed. And out of the ground there, the Lord God caused to grow every kind of tree that is pleasant to the eye and is good for food. In the center of this garden, God also planted the Tree of Life, and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. And a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God gave a command to the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:8-10, 15-17).

Man’s future was bright with glorious, happy prospects. Days flowed into months and months into years. And year after year, that most beautiful of all scenes was enjoyed—God in all His glory and Adam and Eve in all the carefully designed features of their being, communing together and mutually enjoying one another, All the while, a flourishing world of abounding greenery and an amazing array of animals and birds looked on.
The End of an Incredible Journey

“But this is the Seventh Day,” our Observer breaks in. “Today marks the end of our seven-day Journey! What an incredible time we have had together! Let’s take time to look back over what we have seen, and what most impressed us!”

“We have seen the incredible things the Great Creator did in transforming Planet Earth!” responds our excited Observer. “Beginning with the four foundations He laid—

1). gravity and the natural laws,
2). the new Radiant Energy source He created,
3). the atom and the way He used it as His building blocks,
and 4). the Life Strand from which He made all living plants and animals and birds and fish and even humans. How wonderful it is to realize how He built on each of these four foundations, to create everything in the world!”

“One thing that that has amazed me,” our Observer goes on. “Is the completely different picture we have seen from the account that has been presented in our schools and textbooks and magazines. There is clearly no room in the real account for things like dinosaurs that lived 125 million years ago, and then became extinct 65 million years ago! The account God has given shows clearly that on Day One He came to a desolate wilderness called Earth, with no living things on it, in total darkness. No dinosaurs, and none of the plants they would have needed for food, could possibly have survived in such conditions!”

“Our problem begins with the first assumptions,” our thoughtful Guide explains. “The first step with many scientists, unfortunately, has been to take God the Creator out of the picture entirely. And when they do, they also rule out the wonders of God’s working! Science itself, we can say, has suffered immeasurably, simply by refusing to acknowledge God. As a result science has forfeited the advantages of His wisdom and the wonders of His working!”

“We should remember,” our faithful Guide reminds us, “Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge,” (Proverbs 1:7). And that to acknowledge God is
“the beginning of wisdom.” Without that wisdom, we are headed down the wrong road and tragically miss the wonders of God’s wisdom and working.”

“This lack has given rise to the ‘counterfeit creator’ theory that has sought to replace the real Creation account!” states our keen Observer. “Instead, ‘The Origin of the Species’ has fallen on disastrous times, with thoughtful scientists abandoning it left and right. And now the largest scientific study in history (the Human Genome Project, costing US$3 billion) comes forward with authoritative data that spells the death-knell for this widely adopted theory!”

Where Did the Dinosaur Fossils Come From?

“What about the fossils that are presented as proof that dinosaurs lived on the earth long ago?” our Observer enquires.

Our very knowledgeable Guide responds. “Assuming that dinosaurs lived for 2,000 years after Creation, that would have been ample time for more than 25 complete generations and phenomenal growth in their numbers, if they had lived for an average of 80 years. And for the smaller and more short-lived animals, there would be even larger numbers! With over 600 known kinds of dinosaurs, that would have allowed for incredibly huge numbers by the time of Noah’s Flood, when God swept them away in the worldwide judgment He sent.”

“So there would have been a very valid argument,” our well-read Observer notes, “for all of the dinosaur fossils to have been formed in the volcanic heat and rushing waters of Noah’s Flood! It’s too bad that we got off the track in our thinking!”

The Wonders of What the Creator Did

“But more than anything else, we have seen a wonder-working Creator at work,” says our Guide enthusiastically, “and it leaves a deep impression. We have seen the wonders of what God did on each of those Seven Days. He laid lasting foundations. He made the trees and all the vegetation, and then the fish
and the birds and the animals, all for our enjoyment and our sustenance. With what loving care He made all these things—and all with us in mind!”

“Two things have left an especially deep impression with me,” our Guide goes on. “One is the way the Creator first made the living blueprint—the DNA—for each form of life. He lovingly provided for every aspect of every plant and animal, and even of our human bodies! Second, the marvelous way He provided for future generations and for reproduction through the years. And for the ecosystems to provide for the needs of all His creatures. It presents a truly awesome picture of a truly awesome Creator!”

“Realizing what great and wonderful things He has done,” says our Guide, “we simply fall to our knees before Him. There we express our heartfelt thanks and the earnest worship that we owe Him. We are smitten with remorse, with the realization that we have so long neglected Him and failed to honor Him as we should!”

“After all I have seen and experienced during these Seven Days,” says our Observer with deep emotion, “I will never be the same! This has changed me completely! I will now be more sincerely thankful to our Great Creator, more aware of the wonders He has worked for us, more keenly aware that I owe Him my allegiance and my very life!”

And we all agree, whole-heartedly!

On that note, we bring to an end our seven-day Journey, as with a deep sense of awe we look back over all the wonders our Creator-God has worked in our behalf!

**The Garden of Eden**

One day, God announced to Adam and Eve, “I am going to plant a Garden as a home for you, and as a place where we can continue with our times of close fellowship.”

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So God planted a Great Garden. It was a large area, with a majestic river flowing through it and breaking into four branches, providing water in abundance for its broad plains and rolling hills. The fields and hills were covered with luxuriant greenery and in their beauty reflected the loving Hand of the Great Gardener. It had been laid out with a very special purpose in mind. There was no place in all the earth that could compare with the Great Garden. Its gentle hills and wide plains were gorgeous!

The Great Gardener had lavished on this area the utmost in loving care. It was to be the luxuriant home of the Man and Woman He so painstakingly had made and now so lovingly was placing there. It would provide the most ideal surroundings imaginable.

“I am going to plant two special trees in the Garden,” God announced. “One is the Tree of Life. It will be especially available for the healing of your bodies as needed. The other, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil will stand as a constant sign of your loyalty to Me. This will be the test: *I want you never to eat its fruit*, though from all the other trees, you may eat to your heart’s content! If you should eat fruit from that one tree, the seeds of death will be sown in your body. You will most certainly die! And the terrible plague from it will spread to all around you.”

Adam and Eve listened carefully. “That restriction is severe. But it will not be a problem,” they said to one another. “Look at all those other trees and their delicious fruit!”

Man’s future was bright with glorious, happy prospects. Days flowed into months and months into years. And year after year, that most beautiful of all scenes was enjoyed—God in all His glory and Adam and Eve in all the carefully designed features of their being, communing together and mutually enjoying one another. All the while, a flourishing world of abounding greenery and an amazing array of animals and birds looked on.

It was a delightful, idyllic scene!
12. The Great Plague and The Great Cataclysm

God is Holy! He Brings Judgment on Rebellion and Sin!

The Great Creator had made a world of wonders, and year after year that world had flourished as a bountiful paradise. The animals and fish and birds had grown phenomenally in numbers, relishing every moment of their idyllic existence. The First Man and his First Woman had enjoyed the greatest privilege of all, daily, unbroken fellowship with the Great God of Heaven Himself.

Enter the Master of Deception, the embodiment of evil himself! At one time in the heavenly regions, he had been The Shining One, holding in the world of angelic beings a place of high honor. But he had revolted. He was now the Opponent, standing in revolt against the God of Heaven.
He looked on the Man and the Woman whom God had so lovingly made, and he was determined to recruit them as followers to his black cause. He knew they were fiercely loyal to the One who had given them life. But he waited, with wicked patience, for that opportunity that would come when his temptations might succeed,

Finally, after some years, he sensed a potential weakness on Eve’s part and began exploring it. His cunning suggestion: “Just a little bit! The Almighty One has forbidden you to eat fruit from that one tree. But just try it! It looks so good! It will make you like God Himself. Take a little bit! Try it!”

No explanations as to what might happen as a result. Just the subtle suggestion that the Holy God was not really telling the truth! He was hiding something. He could not be trusted!

Day after day, Adam and Eve resisted valiantly. After all, they had tasted the exquisite delights of the Fellowship for which they had been made. Day after day, the tempting voice continued. “Just try it!”

After a while, the sweet, subtle suggestion of the Deceiver found an entrance with his beguiling ways. It was just a tiny crack at first, mind you. Eve pondered the thought, “If I can be like God, that will be good.” I would like to try it. Just a little bit! Never mind that the Holy One in love had warned, “Don't eat it.”

“He has given freely in everything else. Surely in this He will make allowance for a little bit of indulgence.” So ran the temptation.

Until one day, the Fateful Step was taken. The Great Deceiver watched and gloated and goaded further, until both the Man and the Woman had fallen into his dreadful trap. He looked with wicked satisfaction as his intended prey stepped across the line, on to the slippery downward slope. Just as he himself had done one day!
“Oh, we knew God would say No. We knew that our place of privilege would be lost on the other side of the line. But.....” The Man’s voice trailed away into awful disappointment and silence as he later looked back on what he had done.

Adam and Eve had turned their backs on the God of All the Universe, the very One who had lavished such tokens of His love on them. They had elbowed Him aside. They had refused His love, exercised their freedom. But in a direction filled with dark dangers. A breach had been made. The Great God Himself had been rejected!

**The Great God of Justice**

Just how would God react? He was, after all, the Great God of Even-handed Justice, and had laid down laws that carried severe penalties upon the breaking of those laws. As Judge of All the Earth, what action would He take in the light of this open rebellion?

By his very nature, God could not simply “wink” and turn away. The law had been established, and called for stern action.

The exquisite Creation of a Righteous Creator had been deeply stained! A dark curtain had descended, and beginning with the bodies of Adam and Eve, death and disease made their unhappy entrance. God allowed the built-in penalty for sin to run its course. The inevitable consequences were now being seen, as the awful plague spread. Sickness and death began to take hold.

Even the animal world shared in the awful plague. The fields too were not exempt, as weeds of all types began making their appearance. It was as though a pall had descended on every living thing. The paradise-like Creation which God had so meticulously brought into being began to suffer under the weight of the Great Plague. The results? Suffering and pain on a grand scale, making the whole creation groan, like the groaning of a mother in labor pains!
The God of love and holiness was also the God of perfect, even-handed justice. And when the fury of His displeasure with sin became evident, it was a frightening thing to behold! In addition to the physical effects, there crept in insidious, unseen effects. The minds of men were affected. People who had been gentle and kind, over time would become hostile and suspicious. Others who had been patient and considerate, now would show themselves suspicious and even malicious.

And above all, people became deceptive and cunning! After all, this plague found its source in none other than the Great Deceiver. God’s beautiful, crystal clear Creation had indeed been deeply stained!

“The purposes of the Holy One have been defeated,” gloated the Great Deceiver. “The Man and his Woman have come over to my side. Now I have them!”

And so it seemed. A Great Black Cloud had descended.

But just at that moment, a shaft of light appeared! In the Mind of the Exalted One lay another part of His Great Master Plan. In time it would blossom into an even greater victory than the First Man had represented in his best moments.

That part of the Plan was called, “Mercy and Grace.” It would not only restore Man to what he had been. It would restore him with an added element of Heavenly Glory.

For now, however, all looked dark. Bleak! The Deceiver had won the day. Man had fallen from his place of high privilege.

The First Man had yielded to the siren call of The Enemy. He was now Man in Revolt. In revolt against the Eternal One! Inevitably, the death factor found its way into his being, and quickly spread to every form of life around him.
Weeds grew in the fields, diseases developed in bodies, a pall fell over all of nature. The Great Plague had taken hold!

In some mysterious way, the Master Design suffered impairment. Sickness and suffering and death were introduced into Man’s experience, and would be passed on from one generation to another.

Death reigned!

**Marred but not Destroyed**

The Great Creator’s work had been marred. Deeply damaged. But not destroyed! The first Man, and his first Woman, lived on physically, now carrying in their bodies the time-clock effects of the dying process. The animal world, too, in some mysterious way was made to suffer the same fate. They too began to carry in their bodies the death factor.

Even the world of plants and trees shared in the harsh penalty. Earth still continued to flourish, physically. Plant life of every kind grew in grand profusion throughout the world. The mantle of green was now a lush, verdant carpet covering the land areas of the earth.

A later earthling would have wondered at the absence of rain. But he would quickly have recognized that an even better supply of life-giving moisture was carried to the land by the daily breezes depositing their morning dews. Those winds had swept across the lakes and rivers and the vast expanse of warm ocean waters. They had picked up the ascending water vapors and had carried them to the thirsty land areas. As a result, the fields and valleys were left each morning with soft, abundant, life-sustaining dews.

What profusion and abundance were seen on every hand as the handiwork of the Great Gardener continued to unfold, even in its marred condition. Over the ensuing centuries, forests of massive dimensions developed. Millions upon millions of animals, small and large, roamed these vast forests. Shrubs and grasses too covered hill and valley like a deep carpet.


**Giants in the Land**

Among this myriad of living creatures were the giant denizens of that world, the dinosaurs. Some of these amazing creatures were terrifying in size, as much as eighty tons! They moved in large herds and at astonishing speeds.

They congregated along the rivers and lakes which marked the landscape. Nearby, the well-watered plains and valleys provided ample food. Even the ton-a-day appetite of some of them was fully satisfied. What a sight they would have been, their massive bodies submerged in relaxed comfort with only their heads, at the end of a long neck, protruding from the water!

The dinosaurs came in amazing variety and rapidly grew in numbers. Some were small, no larger then a rabbit. Some could fly, with wingspread as much as three meters! Some could swim, dominating parts of the ocean.

Some lived as predators, preying on smaller animals and dinosaurs. Some flew with graceful speed along the ground, their huge tails held high as they fled from their fierce predators. Some moved, elephant-like, at a more plodding pace.

The dinosaurs flourished, year after year. The long years passed, and after twenty centuries, their numbers had grown phenomenally, almost to the straining point it seemed.

**Mammoths, Too!**

Siberia and Alaska of that day were home to great herds of Mammoths, large fur-coated animals, like overgrown elephants. Their numbers were counted in the millions, as evidenced by the frozen remains still remaining today. Yet when they grew and flourished, it was not in a barren frozen northland such as Siberia is today, but in the luxuriance of a well-watered, tropic-like land.

Their ivory tusks were of such unusual quality as to provide a base for living for people in those areas, thousands of years later!
As the centuries passed and their numbers grew in the warm, hospitable climate, it seemed that the earth all but overflowed with animal life. By the time twenty centuries had passed, even with disease and natural calamities that struck many of them, they kept growing greatly in number.

**Even the Ocean was Overflowing**

Meanwhile, in the vast oceans the waters were teeming--literally teeming--with marine life.

By the time twenty centuries had passed, one generation had passed into another time after time, and their numbers were truly colossal. Marine life flourished everywhere in the warm and hospitable waters that marked the world of that day, until it seemed that even the ocean could not contain it all.

**Men Multiplied Greatly**

Then, especially around the shores of the Mediterranean, Man began to multiply. Though banished from the Great Garden, they nevertheless were blessed with all the essential elements for a thriving agrarian life. The land was fertile. The weather brought favorable temperatures throughout the year.

They had everything they needed.

As they worked their land and tended their flocks and gathered in their harvests, they grew and flourished. And as the years rolled on, by the time twenty centuries had passed, the world had grown phenomenally, to more than 200,000,000! Not until the seventeenth century of the modern era was the world to see so large a population!

Though largely agrarian, the peoples of this age also developed large cities and thriving industries. Their fields and orchards produced bountiful crops. They developed the arts of pottery and metal work along with their tending of flocks and herds. Their learning grew to a high level, with outstanding
developments in astronomy and in mathematics. And their level of governmental organization grew to a very proficient stage.

Also, they excelled in entertainment and in the arts. Morning and night, their towns and cities, their family centers and community centers were marked increasingly by revelry and by entertainment that was increasingly marked by violence and with lurid sex-laden scenes.

Twenty centuries had passed from the time of the appearance of the First Man from the hands of the Great Creator. And his descendants had forgotten their Creator. They were concerned only with materials things and with sensual pleasures.

But a huge, black cloud was lurking on the horizon!

A worst case scenario was unfolding that would soon engulf them all. The Great Cataclysm was about to burst upon their world!

**The Great Cataclysm**

The Great Creator looked beyond the well-tended flocks, the fruitful fields, the highly organized governmental bodies of the day. What He saw and heard struck at His very heart. Man, on whom He had lavished every good thing, had turned his back on the Eternal One! It seemed a small thing at first, just one act of disobedience. But it grew over the years, and it ripened, to the point where men’s hours were filled with evil thoughts and wicked acts continually.

What the Great God then announced through the corridors of Heaven struck fear and amazement even in the hearts of the holy angels. The final, awful verdict: Man, and everything associated with him, would have to be destroyed!

God looked away in utter sadness. The centerpiece of His work of Creation had been deeply tarnished. It had been dragged to the lowest depths. Only evil! All the time! His Great Heart was grieved. Deeply grieved!
To the eternally Holy One, inward looking grief could not be the last word. The evil, the rebellion He saw cried out for a response. The eternally Compassionate One was also the Judge of All the Earth. Judgment was called for.

The Lord saw that the wickedness of the people of the earth was great and that every imagination and every thought of their hearts was only evil continually. It grieved the Lord that He had made man and placed him on the earth. His heart was pained.

And the Lord said, “I will blot out man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth. Not only man, but the animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air. For it grieves Me that I have made them” (Genesis 6:5-7).

And God said to Noah, “I indeed will bring a flood of waters on the earth and will destroy every living thing that breathes. Every living creature on the earth will die” (Gen 6:17).

After seven days, the waters of the flood came upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the seventeenth day of the second month, on that very day all the fountains of the great deep were broken open. The windows of heaven also were opened, and the rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights (Gen. 7:10,17).

The waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth until even the mountains were covered to a depth of more than seven meters. And every living creature that moved on the earth perished, both birds and cattle and animals and creatures that move along the earth, died. And every man. And the waters prevailed on the land for 150 days. (Gen. 7:18-24) After 150 days, the waters decreased so that the great boat came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. (Gen. 8:3-4).

What followed was no mere phenomenon of nature! It was the Hand of an Almighty God Himself at work. It was the full unleashing of the wrath of a Holy God against sin and rebellion!
Even the angels of Heaven must have shuddered at the awful decree that came from the Almighty One: “I will destroy every living thing that breathes.” “I will blot out Man whom I have created from the face of the earth.”

**God’s Objectives**

From the record it is clear that the Great Creator had four specific objectives in mind when He sent the destruction of the Flood on the earth:

1. To execute the just penalty against sin and rebellion, and righteously show His indignation in the face of outright rebellion.
2. To obliterate, not only the effects of the wickedness, but to blot out even its memory.
3. To demonstrate His mercy and grace and to prepare the way for a fresh beginning for the human race.
4. To provide, as a further display of His mercy and grace, such things as petroleum, coal, natural gas and potash fertilizer in huge quantities for future generations of Man.

**What was the Great Boat, the Ark, really like?**

The first thing God did was to command Noah to build a large vessel. It would provide safety during the days of the flood for Noah and his family and for a selection of animals and birds which God would choose.
Knowing the nature and character of the Creator, and what He had done in creating the world, we can assume that this vessel would have been not only safe but pleasant. It would be, during the time of the flood, a fully adequate refuge, providing both food and water and careful consideration to the needs and comforts of all who came into it. God designed it, and gave the precise measurements:

1. It would be a colossal size:
   - 157 meters in length (515 feet, or 300 cubits);
   - 26 meters in width (86 feet, or 50 cubits);
   - and 15.7 meters (51.5 feet, or 30 cubits) in height.

2. It would have three decks and one door, with probably a center aisle and a ramp running from the lower to the upper decks.
The dimensions of the Ark are given in Genesis 6:14 in cubits -- the length, 300 cubits; the width, 50 cubits; and the height, 30 cubits. To compare these dimensions with approximate modern day measurements, we have used the generally accepted standard for the so-called, “royal cubit”, which is 524 mm for one cubit (or 20.62 inches).

The royal cubit was the official standard of measurement in Egypt under the Pharaohs. It was adopted about 2700 to 3000 BC, and would have been in use when Moses was trained in the schools of Egypt. We conclude therefore that this standard of measurement would have been used by Moses, the writer of the book of Genesis.

The royal cubit is also apparently alluded to in Ezekiel 40:5, “a measuring rod six cubits long, each being a cubit and a handbreadth,” in connection with the measurements of Ezekiel’s Temple. Since the royal cubit was usually considered to be about 4 inches longer than the cubit which later came into general use, the reference is thought to be to the royal cubit.

3. We can easily envisage an efficient waterworks facility (Noah was a highly experienced agrarian worker), with rainwater being brought from the roof with v-shaped rails into wooden channels that would carry fresh water to troughs strategically placed on either side of the ark. The overflow from these troughs would become waste disposal areas, from which waste would then flow to the outside.

4. There would have been large food bin areas, especially in the mid-ship area, holding grains and hard fruits and vegetables, with openings that automatically allowed for a flow of freely available food. Large bins for storage of hay and edible grasses would have been at the front of the vessel and in bins hanging from the roof in the areas where needed, so that daily food supply could be easily drawn from these bins.

5. Noah and his family located themselves on the upper deck, readily accessible to all of the animals and birds by way of a ramp down through the center to the lower decks.

The Beginning of the Cataclysm

It was February the seventeenth.

For the past week, surprising things had been happening. Great numbers of animals and birds crowded the plain where the well-known Noah had built his Great Boat. On dry land!
Day by day they had docilely wended their way into the Great Boat. There were sheep and goats, lions and tigers, moving side by side, seemingly unaware the one of the other. They represented the great variety of life that filled the earth.

As they trudged along, it seemed as though a great Unseen Hand directed them. Which indeed it did! The Great Creator Himself had selected pairs from all His great variety of created beings. They would be needed to once again populate the earth.

This majestic column of animals and birds of every description moved methodically into the Great Boat. And many of them promptly fell asleep! Their bodily functions had been slowed, in a sleep of hibernation, by the Hand of the same Creator Who had fashioned them in the first place.

Noah and his wife, and their family of three sons and three daughters-in-law made their way to the living quarters on the upper deck. Meanwhile the animals filled the three tiers in the Great Boat. Those on board were only vaguely aware of the catastrophic events unfolding around them.

**The Rains Came**

Then it began to rain! Lightly at first. But ominously. After all, though people had scoffed at the warning, the well-known Noah had confidently predicted “rain.” Enough of it to float his Great Boat!

But the people had never seen rain. What a quaint curiosity it was that morning!

Through the sounds of falling rain, the sound of great thunderous explosions came rolling in. Furious volcanic activity had begun erupting in various parts of the planet. Great rivers of red-hot flowing lava had begun spewing forth from long breaches in the earth’s crust, as “the fountains of the great deep”—the underground magma--began flowing out. Towering clouds of
volcanic dust were billowing high into the atmosphere. From the inner recesses of the globe, great volumes of volcanic gases had begun pouring out, and bit by bit, the sky darkened.

Animals and birds were terrified at the awesome sight!

As the black clouds moved into the area where men lived, and the rains intensified, the earth shook and trembled beneath their feet. There was no longer the feeling that they were viewing some soon-to-pass quaint curiosity. Fear gripped their hearts. Cold, stark terror took over!

Earth was being wracked by the Great Cataclysm! The sky was darkened. And then, the rains came in earnest! Torrential, violent downpours drenched the ground. For six weeks, day after day, this torrential rainfall continued.

Yesterday, everything was normal. Men and women had been working in their fields. They were carrying on with their trade and their reveling and entertainments.

Today, all was changed. Drastically!

The Great God in the fury of His displeasure, after long waiting in mercy, was executing His rightful judgment on a world in revolt.

**Great Walls of Water**

Suddenly, there came the monumentally awesome and terrifying final stoke!

Like a giant engine of destruction, a great wall of water, ten times the height of the tallest man, swept in from the ocean and rolled across the land!

As though a giant beast had suddenly been awakened from a long slumber, the Great Ocean--1,300 million cubic kilometers of water--began to heave and to
roll. Already covering more than seventy per cent of the planet’s surface, the water rose in great suddenly-created tsunami waves, visibly speeding like a vast tidal wave across the surface of the ocean and rolling in over the land.

Joining the waters that had descended from the atmosphere, these giant waves carried everything destructively before them. Nothing was spared!

Nothing survived!

Trees fell like toothpicks as the great waters picked them up and violently tossed them about, like so many children’s toys! Great forests, built up over hundreds of years, toppled in hours as the force of millions of tons of water moved in violently.

The Great Creator, from whose hand had come all the marvels of life on earth, was fulfilling His word. He would destroy everything that had breath in it. And in terrifying, full measure His powers as the Great Creator were being shown once again. But this time in destructive justice.

The earth was swept clean!

Only Noah and his family, along with their marvelous menagerie of animals and birds of every description, were spared from the violence. They rode serenely above the waters that swirled around the world, only vaguely aware of the terrible destruction that had so suddenly erupted around them.

**A New World Begins to Take Shape**

The awful destruction by millions of tons of violently moving water continued to wreak havoc. But in every part of the earth, the beginnings of the future world began to take shape.
First, the seas settled back and began moving in a tidal pattern, first one way and then another. Then too there was the accumulated loam, the loose earth from the world of past centuries. There were the rocks that broke loose and were ground down further in the violent waters. All of this was thrown together from one day to the next as the waters flowed backward and forward.

In this violent flow of water were also to be seen tens of thousands of dinosaurs, picked up in the violent waters and carried hither and yon, some escaping the crevasses and lodging instead in the river valleys formed as the waters retreated. There was marine life, large and small, in such profusion as to almost choke the waters of the Great Ocean. There were myriads of animals and birds, their variety begging description and their quantities beyond measure. And there were the remains of human beings.

But all of these were not just thrown about in haphazard fashion! Even at this time, the controlling Hand of the Creator could be seen! Into some of the deep crevasses around the globe were deposited trees and foliage (to become coal), in some dinosaur and animal remains (to become crude oil), in some marine life (to become potash fertilizer, as seen in Saskatchewan today), other “debris” (to become natural gas)! The Great Creator then caused the ground-down rocks to cover the debris, allowed the pressure and heat to build up to the right level and, marvel of marvels, huge volumes of crude oil, natural gas, coal and potash were formed—within hours!

The procedures required for converting fossil materials (corn, palm kernels, sugarcane, etc.) into oil are well known today and are commonly used. A large percentage of Brazil’s automobiles, for example, are powered by ethanol. Raw crude oil, following similar procedures, is refined into high-grade gasoline and diesel fuel, in what is known as the “cracking process.” These procedures involve applying heat and pressure and water to the fossil materials—and all three of these elements were clearly available in abundance at the time of the worldwide flood, along with vast quantities of fossil materials of every kind. As well, the widespread breaking open of the earth’s crust provided the cavernous underground repositories for the oil and gas that were created in this way.
What a display of Wisdom and Power!

And in the midst of Judgment, what a display of Love and Mercy! How God-like!

If Noah and those with him could have looked out from the safety of their craft, utter devastation would have met their eyes. Utter, complete, awesome desolation! But they rode on!

**The Earth’s Crust Heaved and Buckled**

Then, while Noah’s animals slept on, came another great upheaval. With a mighty, rumbling roar, the crust of the earth seemed to heave and buckle! It was as though the leather covering of a huge ball was about to break apart.

In far separated places of earth--in the Rocky Mountain and Himalaya and Alps areas--it was as though a mighty force from within the globe had suddenly begun thrusting upward from below. But instead of great flows of lava pouring forth, the surface of the earth itself began to rise and buckle. Whole new mountains and mountain ranges were formed. And what had not been seen before came into view--high mountains!

**The Retreating Waters**

Now, as the mountains rose and the ocean trenches were deepened, the waters of the world began their flow into the ocean basins. The colossal volumes of water still standing over the land areas began to recede. And as they made their way to their ocean repositories, they cut out river valleys and mountain gorges as they went.

If only observers today could have viewed with their own eyes those events, some 4,600 years ago! They would have seen these retreating waters sculpturing the surface of the earth, and leaving behind the distinctive features
of valleys and gorges being formed—not by icy glaciers, but by the waters of the Great Cataclysm!

The earth had been stripped bare! At the same time, a Great God in great mercy, had laid the foundations for new life, for new weather patterns, and for new landscapes. All in order that Man might make a new start on the earth.

When Noah finally stepped out of his Great Boat after 371 days, life was very different to what he had known before the Great Cataclysm!

God poured His blessings on Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth (Gen. 9:1-3). I make My solemn pledge to you. Never again will all living things be cut off by the waters of a flood” (Genesis 9:11).

By the word of God, the world that then was was deluged with water and perished. But the heavens and the earth that now are, by the same word, have been stored up for fire and are being reserved until the day of judgment and the destruction of ungodly men (2 Peter 3:5-7).

As were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, right up to the day that Noah entered the great boat, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be (Matthew 24:37-39).
Connecting with the Creator, in just FIVE MINUTES a day

The Amazing Invitation

It is the most amazing invitation ever extended! And it has your name on it!

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An Invitation from the Creator

This invitation is from none other than the Great Creator Himself. He calls out: "Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink, even if you have no money! Come… it’s all free!" Isaiah 55:1

Just as He gives the sunshine and the rain free, the Great Creator lovingly invites anyone who will come, to meet with Him, to enjoy fellowship with Him freely! And to accept His offer of forgiveness and mercy to cover the past.

What could be greater than this?

“Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.” Revelation 22:18

And just who is talking? The very One who “created all things”! Revelation 4:11
Day One

God-Words, to think over

“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalms 46:10
“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.” Psalms 37:7.
“Come, all you who are thirsty... You who have no money...
Come, buy without money and without cost.” Isaiah 55 1-3.
“Come to Me; listen...and you will find life.” Isaiah 55:3
“Come to Me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28
“Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.” Isaiah 1:18
“If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me.” Jeremiah 29:13

Getting alone!

Even if people are all around you, you can be alone! Simply turn off the music, the TV, and concentrate on one thing: There is a Great God in this world of ours. And He is right here! Even if I cannot see him, He is here!

Do you get the picture? Even though we have so often ignored our Creator and turned Him away, He still lovingly urges us, “Come to Me!” Not to reprimand us, but in tender love and generous mercy to give what we most need! Assurance! Satisfaction! Genuine joy! Contentment!

Once, the Creator gave the command and our world came into being. Today, He speaks to give peace to your troubled heart and mine. But to hear Him, we need first to turn off all the other sounds. To get alone! Even for just five minutes! Alone, with God
Day Two

God-Words, to think over

“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.” Psalms 106

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to the Most High!” Psalms 92:1

“Give thanks to the Lord, and proclaim His greatness” Psalms 105:1

“I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart. How amazing are the deeds of His hand!” Psalms 100

“Know that the Lord, He is God. It is He who made us, and not we ourselves.” Psalms 131

Saying from the heart, “Thank you!”

We look up, and what do we see? The big, beautiful sky, just the way the Great Creator made it! We look around, and see the trees and the flowers. Beautiful! We look at our lives, and see how we have been fed and clothed all these years. And kept from so many dangers. All of these things are gifts from Him. And we suddenly realize, “I have never said, Thank you! Not once! All of these things -- food to eat, air to breathe, a place to live. And never stopping to say, ‘Thank you!’”

What else have we to be thankful for? Well, how about those two wonderful eyes that have worked so well every day of our lives? What about our fingers and the amazing things they can do? There is the food we eat, the ability to walk and talk! All these things are amazing gifts from the Loving Creator! So look around you. And for five minutes think of all the things you can be thankful for. And say so, out loud! It’ll do you good! For five minutes, we think of all the things we can be thankful for--for friends, family, food, and for safety from many dangers.

“Let us come before Him with thanksgiving.”
Day Three

God-words, to think over

“All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own.” Isaiah 53:6

“You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.” Psalms 86:15

“Seek the LORD while you can find Him. Call on Him now while He is near. Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the LORD that He may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for He will forgive generously.” Isaiah 55:6,7

Learning to say, “I am sorry.”

We see we should have been thankful to our Creator, but were not. So, in a straightforward way, we simply apologize! We say, “I am sorry. I have been rude and disrespectful. I have ignored You and neglected You. I should have done much better. What can I do about it now?”

Surprisingly, our Great Creator does not scowl and frown, though really He should! He turns out to be kind and merciful.

We open the Book and find that the Lord gave “a change of mind and forgiveness of sins to the people.” They had been walking away from Him, with their backs turned to Him. Now they turned the other way, to talk with Him and see His smiling, merciful face!

We have not acknowledged and honored Him the way we should have, and that is a major blunder! Come to think of it, there are many things we should have done, but didn’t. And many things we should not have done, but did! We have failed badly. We need to say, “I am sorry.” and really mean it!

So on Day Three, we learn to say, “I am sorry for the things I have done.” And we open our hearts to our Great Creator’s mercy and His kindness.
Day Four.

God-Words, to think over

“You know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited… and the ransom He paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.” 1 Peter 1:17,18

“He (Jesus) personally carried our sins in His body on the cross.” 1 Peter 2:24

“God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

We find, thankfully, that there is a Solution.

God, the Creator, has a wonderful plan and purpose for my life and yours. We are not just here by accident! But we got off the track.

The rest of the story is really good news! We can be set free! Our waywardness created a barrier between us and our Creator-God. But we are offered a gracious way of deliverance, and just as He does with the sunshine, He gives it as a Gift! He actually paid the greatest price possible to demonstrate His love for us. He gave His only Son to rescue us!

How wonderful! “Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I want to know more of Your mercy and love, and I accept it with all my heart!” you say.

He really did that for me? How? My Creator took all the wrong things I should have been punished for, and put them instead on His Son, Jesus. Then, Jesus paid the penalty, so that I could accept a full pardon and go free!

Take five minutes to reflect on this, with a thankful heart. Then read carefully “My Response” on the Day Seven page. It is very important!
Day Five.

God-Words, to think over

God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” So we can say with confidence, The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear.” Hebrews 13:5,6  

“God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.” Psalms 46:1. “Be sure of this: I am with you always.” Matthew 28:20

My Creator Talks with Me!

Until the barrier of disobedience came in, Adam and Eve enjoyed intimate fellowship day after day with their Creator. And we can still enjoy fellowship with our Great Creator! He talks with us, not audibly but through His Living Book, the Bible.

We hear Him say, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Now I see it! It’s a new relationship with the Living Jesus! We are going to live together! To walk together! To share our lives together!

So we begin talking together. I tell Him about my day and my plans, because He is real and is right there to listen. My plans for the day. What worries me. Where I need help. I look in His Book and find He has been talking to people just like this, year after year. So I listen, to see if maybe His just talking to others might be helpful to me. And I quickly find that He talks with me through what He said to others. And I find that whatever He says is very meaningful. It is calming and assuring.

I take one chapter a day from the Bible, starting with the Gospel of John. I read it, think about it, digest what it says, listen for what He may be saying to me. And my five minutes soon becomes far too short, as the Creator and I talk together!
Day Six.

God Words, to think over

Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:1-3

I Talk with My Creator.

So during my five minutes on Day Six, I have been listening as the Great Creator talks to me through His book. Now I talk back to my Creator, just talking naturally, not putting on any pretense. Just telling him about my plans for the day. Asking His counsel on what He would like me to do, and asking for strength and guidance to do it.

Between listening (as He speaks through His book) and talking about my day, my problems, my hopes, my ambitions, we spend a wonderful time together. Even if is just for five minutes! And I learn to talk with Him as well as to listen.

He, the Great Creator, gives this marvelous invitation, “Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. And I find that this new relationship we have together touches all parts of my life—my hopes and plans, how I spend my time, where I look for help and strength. Where I find real joy and satisfaction. It is wonderful!

So for my five minutes on Day Six, I learn to both talk and to listen as we, the Great Creator and I, spend our time together! We have really connected!
Day Seven

Walking and Talking With my Creator—Every Day!

We are now “plugged in” to our Great Creator, and to one of the greatest secrets of life! It is here that we find real peace and real joy. And it is all a matter between the Great Creator and me, and no one else.

What can we do next? Well, let’s begin by setting aside five minutes a day for the next week and call it our quiet time --time alone with God, allowing God to speak through His Book, and talking with Him in an informal, natural way. So let’s go back to Day One, following the same pattern for just five minutes a day, going over the things we have learned, letting them sink in. We talk with Our Creator in free and friendly fashion, and listen as He talks with us through His words in the Bible.

We soon find that five minutes a day is not enough! We will need ten or even more! But let’s learn to make it a habit and use these moments each day to enrich our lives and to honor our Great Creator--and to learn the secrets of an even deeper relationship with Him. We will find it is a source of joy and contentment and strength in our lives. Our quiet time with our Great Creator!

*************** My Response ***************

I have come to know the Great Invitation extended by the Great Creator—to come to Him for forgiveness and restoration. And I gladly accept!

~I acknowledge my waywardness in the past, and turn from it.
~I gladly accept that Jesus, the Lamb of God, gave His life for me on a Cross, and that He rose from the dead.

~I accept the Living Jesus as my Lord and my Savior, and dedicate myself to live for Him.

My Name ________________________________

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 NIV

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Appendix 2

Surprising Conclusions
from the Massive “Human Genome Project.”

Summary of conclusions; the full conclusions follow on Page 189.

1. We do, After all, Have a Great and Wise Creator! The scientific data from the HG Project clearly points to this fact.

2. The Human DNA is Immensely Complex-- Far More Complex than We had Imagined. Far beyond what any known process could make.

3. The Creator Constructed the First Human DNA. He Made Only One; that was All He Needed! And it was the HG Project which uncovered the fact that all humans have 99.9% identical genetic structure, and therefore could only have come from one common source.

4. There is no “Junk DNA.” Instead, there is a three-part Life Strand with the Highest Purposes! Genetic instructions for two essential procedures are located here.

5. A Three-part “Life Strand” is Found in Every Cell of the Human Body! It is commonly agreed in the scientific world that a copy of the DNA can be found in virtually every cell of the human body, and it can be shown now that the Replication and the Control instructions accompany the DNA.

6. The Human Genome Project Shows “The Origin of the Species” to be without a valid, scientific base. The Human Genome Project data show it to be a world of fantasy.

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These conclusions and their practical outworking are each woven into “Seven Awesome Days.”

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Learning from the Pinnacle of Scientific Discovery

Launched in 1990 and running through 2003, the Human Genome Project was a massive and authoritative study, involving hundreds of this generation’s most gifted men of science. It is spoken of as the “Crown Jewel of 20 years of biological research,” and as “the most important accomplishment in the field to date.”

-- Its goal? To map the entire human genome, the DNA structure which governs the entire body from birth to death.

-- Its budget? An astounding US$3 billion, about the same as the cost of sending the first man to the moon!

-- Its sponsors? It was basically financed and controlled by the US government, with participation from Europe and Japan, from Canada and other countries.

-- It was designed to be a public project, with the findings made freely available to everyone, via written reports and the Internet.

In an official publication, “Beyond the Human Genome Project,” the results of the project are summarized:

1. In 2003, scientists in the HGP completed the obtaining of the DNA sequence of the three billion base pairs making up the human genome.
2. The human genome is nearly the same (99.9 %) in all people.
3. Only about 2% of the human genome contains genes, which are instructions for making proteins.
4. Humans have an estimated 30,000 genes; the functions of more than half of them are unknown.
5. Almost half of all human proteins share similarities with those of other organisms, underscoring the unity of life.
Several conclusions stand out, each backed by the data from the Human Genome Project:

1. **We do, after all, Have a Great and Wise Creator!**

   When I read of the Human Genome Project making a single strand of DNA the central feature of a giant, $3$ billion scientific study, I was curious. Very naturally I asked the question, *How was the first DNA made?*

   Two things immediately stood out: First, that the human DNA carried a phenomenal three billion pairs of genetic information! And second, that this genetic information was authoritatively shown to relate to the human body in great detail, carrying instructions for each specific part!

   The implication was clear: whatever or whoever produced the DNA Strand was very intelligent. He had to be able to analyze each body organ and its function and directly relate that information to coded instructions on the DNA Strand. Now, this would be very difficult for any mechanical or random process to accomplish. He (or it) had to be able to analyze each body organ and its function. But natural processes do not have intelligence! And here, obviously, a very high level of intelligence was called for.

   So on the very surface of things, we find the Human Genome Project telling us clearly, and with the best of scientific backing, that someone made the first DNA Strand, and that he possessed personhood, great intelligence, incredible abilities, great conceptual powers, an unusually large and capable memory, and the capability to tackle extremely complex problems and resolve them! *The very structure* of the DNA (as detailed by the HG Project) with its
three billion base pairs, all in precise sequence, clearly point to the existence of a Great Creator!

The conclusion? Since there is no other person or procedure that could remotely be responsible for the making of the human DNA, it is clear that it was made by a Great and Wise Creator God! And this is a simple, direct conclusion drawn from the most authoritative source possible in the field of science!

We have the unusual phenomenon of the US government (not noted for its support of the Bible and Bible concepts) sponsoring and funding a giant project which, in the end, clearly confirms, through its publicly released data, the Bible account of creation. And we have them joining hands with hundreds of the top men of science (a body of men and women not especially noted either for their support of the Biblical account of Creation) proclaiming authoritatively that there is, after all, a Great and Wise and Capable Creator!

2. The Human DNA is Immensely Complex--Far More Complex than We had Imagined.

It is constructed of three billion base pairs (by actual count) of genetic information and instruction, each of them in precise sequence—otherwise the actual body could not function—and is clearly related to some specific part or function of the human body.

1. It is agreed by science that each detail of the DNA structure relates to some function or feature of the human body, even though about 50% of those purposes are not clearly known.
2. As a result, and because of the known structure of the DNA Strand, anyone (or anything) seeking to construct the first human DNA strand would of necessity be required to meet these six conditions:

a. He would have to possess an intimate knowledge of every feature and every function of the human body, and in concrete terms hold it in his mind as a “blueprint” of the body still to come.

b. That knowledge would in the end have to match precisely the equivalent features or functions of an actual living human body.

c. He would have to hold that knowledge concretely enough that he could express it fully and precisely in the protein-based genetic language.

d. He would have to have the ability to compress the completed DNA, with all its vital information, into a space not more than 2% of the total length of about two meters (as discovered in the Human Genome Project) -- an extremely demanding task!

e. He would have to be able to replicate (make copies of) the DNA in huge quantities, in extremely close quarters and at lightning speeds.

f. He would be required to have such knowledge of the human body and access to it, as to be capable of placing one copy of that DNA bundle at the center of virtually every cell in the human body--100 trillion cells!

These requirements put the bar for the maker of the DNA Strand at an extremely high level! More than that, they present six requirements that only a Great and Wise Creator could possibly fill!
3. God Constructed the First Human DNA. He Made Only One; that was All He Needed!

The Creator said He was the “living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.” (Acts 14:15.) This would clearly include the DNA Strand. God did in actual fact make this world of ours, and the best of science confirms this fact! Only a Great Creator-God could meet the requirements laid down by the data from Human Genome Project—a Creator of great wisdom and vast powers.

The HGP has also uncovered the amazing fact that 99.9% of the Genetic structure in people of all races is identical! We all agree that these findings eliminate any basis for supposed racial superiority and put all humans on a common standing. We should, without prejudice, all be brothers!

And what does this have to say about the origin of the DNA Strand? Everyone will agree that if you have 100 individuals (let alone 6 billion!) with varying and changing characteristics, a growing diversity will result. Features that are 99.9% identical would never be possible! The only logical response: there had to be a common ancestry, a common point of beginning.

This points clearly to the astounding conclusion, clearly backed by the massive Human Genome Project, that the entire human race has descended from one set of parents! This of course matches the Biblical statement that “God has made of one man all the peoples of the world” and with the entire account of Creation found in the Bible.

This also means that the Creator, when He was making the original human DNA, needed only one Strand of that DNA! He had worked through
each of the millions of details involved and had meticulously constructed that one Original. And that was all He needed! He would have maintained the Original, and have made a copy (called in later scientific language an mRNA) for the body of the First Man, Adam, and for the making of Woman. And other copies (or replications) for future generations would have come through that First Man.

In this way, all other human DNA Strands were precise copies of that original Strand! God was creating the human race, not just one individual. For this reason, the Life Strand (on which the DNA is located) included copying and error-correcting instructions, which provide for an error-free copy in every case where the DNA is passed from one generation to another.

4. There is no “Junk DNA”. In its place, there is a three-part Life Strand with the Highest Purposes!

The entire DNA takes up less than 2% of the strand on which it is located (according to the data released by the Human Genome Project). What does it matter that so little space is required? Let’s look at this matter more closely.

The remaining 98% of the DNA Strand has been designated a “non-coding area” and by some, “junk DNA”. But the troubling question keeps coming up—we know from direct observation that in real life all of the DNA features and functions are fully activated and are working in the body of every person alive!
Where then is this activity carried out? No one in the field of science knows—though they all know, from direct observation, that this actually happens! Where this takes place is a mystery to science!

However, we now know that every DNA includes, adjacent to the DNA itself, a large area for which the purpose is “unknown.” The logical conclusion -- the 98%, often referred to as “junk DNA” must be the location of these vital functions, even if couched in another code that is still unknown to science. When “Dolly” was cloned, the replication instructions and the activating instructions were both obviously included, along with the DNA itself, and were implanted in the other adult sheep which eventually gave birth to ”Dolly.”

So we agree to put these two considerations together (where logically they belong), and find this actually provides a meaningful solution to our problem! In this way, we take three things, each well known to science, and bring them together:

Three “C’s”—

a. The actual DNA (Created by God Himself), and instructions for the Cataloging and preservation of it.

b. Instructions for the Copying (or replication) of the DNA, and for proofreading and correcting of errors.

c. Instructions for the Control (and the activating) of the DNA instructions, through an entire lifetime (including instructions for a communication system between the DNA and the 100 trillion body cells).

And we simply designate it, “Life Strand”, creating a beautiful and meaningful answer to a number of troubling problems and loose ends!
5. A Three-part “Life Strand” is Found in Every Cell of the Human Body!

The Life Strand is made up of three zones and three essential purposes related to the DNA, each clearly defined within the data of the Human Genome Project:

a. Zone 1 holds the Master Strand of DNA (which only God can make) with its three billion base pairs. It has been found to take up less than 2% of the total length of the strand, and shares space for the necessary information concerning the cataloging and preservation of the DNA itself.

b. Instructions for the entire copying (replication) process, including the proof-reading and error-correcting processes (resulting in errors fewer than one per billion of items copies). This would include provision for the initial 100 trillion copies required in the body and the ongoing replenishing of 25% of the total every four months (since the average life-span of a cell averages 120 days) (Science has been unable decipher the information carried in Zone 2 and has designated it a “non-coding area with unknown purpose”, or as “junk DNA”. We can assume that the Creator has utilized a different and far more complex “code” covering the information in Zone 2);

c. The instructions covering the control (the activating or “switching” on and off) of each chromosome over a full life-time. This zone would also include instructions for the making and control of an inside-the-body wireless communications facility, linking three billion units of DNA information, on a moment-by-moment basis, with 100 trillion cells of the body—with more working connections than all the telephones of the world! (Zone 3) (It would be logical to assume that the Creator has utilized a different and far more complex “code” covering the information in Zone 3. It
should be noted also that apparently the information, and even the functioning of Zones 2 and 3 are sometimes intertwined rather than being in clearly defined separate locations.)

6. The Human Genome Project Shows “The Origin of the Species” to be a World of Fantasy.

The Human Genome Project demonstrates conclusively that there is no valid scientific basis for “The Origin of the Species” (1859) and the theory of evolution it presents.

The data from the Human Genome Project shows “The Origin of the Species” and the theory of evolution it presents as being a world of fantasy.

Why? Simply because of two factors uncovered in the massive Human Genome Project:

1. The fact that the human genome contains, by actual count 3,164.7 million (3,164 billion) chemical nucleotide bases (A, C, T, and G) -- an incredibly large number, and

2. The fact that these base pairs are divided among some 30,000 genes and are found in precise sequence (not at random). Consequently, the level of complexity that must be produced in any proposed “random selection” rises exponentially at each step (i.e., the number of “chances” available for one successful result). Since there are approximately 30,000 genes and an average gene consists of 105,490,000 base pairs (3,164.7 million divided by 30,000), the level of complexity which would have to be produced would rise to \(10^{68}\) after just three steps (out of a required 30,000). But more significantly, the
common-sense corollary to the Law of Large Numbers draws a line at $10^{50}$ (the numeral 10 with 50 zeroes!) as representing the number of chances beyond which the hoped-for event "will never happen" and where the result moves instead into fantasy. We now know that the arguments raised in "The Origin of the Species" (since they have to do with living organisms) are based on organisms which require DNA for their existence, and are therefore in a category which goes beyond anything known to science in seeking to reproduce them.

Since it now can be shown conclusively that the "Origin of the Species" is without a valid base in science, this should be its death-knell. However, we confidently predict that many will continue to hold to this out-moded theory, rejecting the plain facts and adhering instead to a pattern of fantasy. After all, that author himself once said prophetically, "I am afraid I may have devoted my life to a fantasy." His worst fears have come true!

2. The testimony of the human eye. The author of "The Origin of the Species" said, "To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree possible." He confidently anticipated that future study would demonstrate the nature of the eye to be a further extention of the simple eye known in that day. Instead, it has proven to be one of the most complex of engineering devices, with 132 million light sensors and channels of transmission carrying images to the brain, and showing the eye to be one of the most complex and most highly developed instruments to be found anywhere! This has fulfilled the worst nightmare of Mr. Darwin and shown conclusively that his theory is unworthy of further consideration.
3. The same author of “The Origin of the Species” said, “As to my theory, innumerable transitional forms must have existed. Why do we not find them embedded in countless numbers in the crust of the earth? Looking not to any one time, but to all time, if my theory be true, numberless intermediate varieties, linking closely together all the species of the same group, must assuredly have existed. Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain, and this perhaps is the most obvious and gravest objection which can be urged against my theory.” After 150 years, there has been no evidence of evolutionary transition found in the fossil record. Not one true transitional specimen has ever been found!

On the basis of these considerations, we can only at this stage declare the theory of evolution dead, and without scientific basis. It has proven to be pure fantasy, the product of the wild imagination of its originator and others who have followed him.
Appendix 3.
God’s Code Book.

The recent (1953) discovery of the structure of DNA and its coded information raises an intriguing question: does God the Creator actually make use of mysterious "codes"? And if so, why? Clearly, the answer is, "Yes". The Creator made generous use of coded information in bringing order and efficiency to the process of Creation.

There are at least five clear cases where God the Creator makes use of codes --

1. The code used in the making of matter. It is a simple code, based on the number of protons (a subatomic particle) contained in one atom. So we find one atom (and only one) containing just one proton, hydrogen. The category of two protons is reserved for helium, a distinctive, separate type of matter. And so on, up to 118 types of atoms -- the number discovered so far.

In designing each type of matter, God made use of these 118 kinds of atoms. And He assigned to each a variety of functions, whether in isolation or in union with other atoms -- and amazingly, absolutely everything that has substance to it, whether solid or gas or liquid, is in this way found to have been formed from one or the other of these 118 atoms!

In the world of science, this listing of the atoms has become known as the "Periodic Table of the Elements." Using this simple code, we can identify each specific atom, based on the number of protons found in the nucleus of the atom.

2. The second code deals not with matter but with energy, specifically electromagnetic energy, one of the fundamental forces which God created as a power source for the world. Electromagnetic energy is a very versatile form of energy, flowing in a distinctive pattern of light waves, the waves moving forward at varying heights and at varying speeds.

And it is these light waves and their varied speeds which form the basis for God’s second code. Near the central point on the scale of light waves, God fashioned visible light -- an especially vital manifestation of EM energy. The color red, for example, is really EM
lightwaves flowing at about 400 nm per second and the color blue at about 700 nm. And in this range the eye can see it! At higher ranges are microwaves (10^2 m) and infrared waves (10^5 m) in the lower range, ultraviolet rays (10^8 m) and x-rays (10^{-5} m) with the intramolecular force being the lowest range, so infinitesimally small that it becomes the force holding molecules together.

Each of these manifestations of EM energy can be identified by the speed at which its lightwaves move forward, and is known in the world of science as the EM spectrum (or the light spectrum).

3 Then there is the Genetic Code of Life, discovered in 1953 by Watson and Crick. This is the code which has unlocked the secrets of DNA and their use. It is extremely simple, built around four molecules of amino acid arranged in sets of three, with three sets (a triplet) forming one codon or word in the genetic language.

Amazingly, using this relatively simple code, every part and every function of the human body can be identified -- an immensely complex undertaking!

4. Code number four has not yet been discovered by science. But it is clearly at work in the human body, and is clearly demonstrated over and over again every day--and is therefore included in this list of God's codes.

This code is the one designed by God Himself to handle the immensely complex procedures of copying (or replicating) the DNA in the human body. This function, well known in modern science, carries the genetic information and instructions for replicating the required huge quantity of DNA, at least 100 trillion of them, that go to make up the body--plus 25% of that number each year (since the lifespan of the cell in which the DNA is deposited is about 120 days).

In this process, the ladder-like DNA is split into two, with the "half-ladder" then searching for the molecules needed for reconstituting itself flawlessly -- and all within the close confines of the body and at a speed that defies description.
This code is utilized in Zone Two in the Life Strand, adjacent to the master DNA from which it derives the original and then copies it. This is the area on the DNA strand which has been formerly known as a "non-coding area" and often as "junk DNA". But now it can be seen clearly as the essential location for this very vital function of copying or replicating the DNA. Though the details remain yet unknown to science, the fact that it is functioning smoothly in every living organism is well known and easily confirmed.

5. The fifth page in God's codebook is also at the present time unknown to science, but is also in the category of working well in every living organism, plant or animal, and is therefore included as a readily demonstrated working code that God the Creator is utilizing.

This code governs the genetic information covering the control or utilization of the actual genetic information. Because of the extremely complex and demanding nature of the procedures involved, the code needed will be found (if ever disclosed by God) to be immeasurably complex. For this reason, its structure no doubt will be totally different from the known protein-based code of the genetic language. Two distinct procedures are clearly included:

1). the transmission of all the genetic information found on the DNA strand itself (which governs every aspect of its growth and development throughout an entire lifetime) to every cell in the organism. And this must be accomplished on a moment-by-moment basis! In this way, the information carried in the DNA is applied at each stage of life to the pertinent part of the organism.

2). The immensely complex information facility which of necessity must be involved in this process. The genetic blueprint required for this flow of information will also be found on the Life Strand, in Zone Three. This includes no less than (in the case of the human body) three billion codons of DNA connecting to 100 trillion cells in the body—an unbelievably complex process!
Appendix 4

All the Bible Says
About Creation

This material answers the question:
“What is God, the Creator, really saying to us.”

Essential resource material for personal study on what the
Bible says about Creation.

Excellent devotional material for daily reflection.

“With My Own Hands”

The account of how the world began,
in the very words of the Bible
(arranged for reading convenience
with similar thoughts placed together without change to the original text).

The translation of Bible portions used throughout this E-book has been prepared
with great care, including comparison with the original Greek and Hebrew texts. It will be
best considered an amalgamation from various reliable sources, rather than as a new
rendering. The reader is urged to select one good translation for general reading (the
author recommends NLT, ESV and NIV—all readily available online at Bible Gateway.com).

On the following pages are the one hundred and sixty-seven references found in
the Bible in which the Creator Himself (since He superintended the writing of the Bible
text) tells of the Creation of the world.

In order to stay as close as possible to the text of the Bible as God gave it, we
have prepared the following rendering and compared it word for word and phrase by
phrase with the original Greek and Hebrew Scriptures. Special care has been taken to eliminate the bias of any denomination or school of thought other than a total commitment to accurately transmitting both the words and the meaning of the Bible texts as God intended them.

The rendering used here is based on the highly regarded American Standard Version (1901), expressed by the author in modern language. In order to make these Bible portions both readable and accurate in conveying the meaning of the original Greek and Hebrew texts, a wide selection of lexicons, Biblical word studies and other reliable reference works has been diligently used.

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**The Great Declaration**

This is what the Lord says,... “I have made the earth and created man upon it. I, with My own hands, have stretched out the heavens and set in place the host of stars they contain.” (Isaiah 45:11,12). This is what the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel says, “I have made the earth, and the men and animals that are on the face of the earth, by My mighty power and My outstretched arm.” (Jeremiah 27:5).

This is what the Lord says, the One who created the heavens, the God who fashioned the earth and made it, who established it and created it, not as an empty waste place, but He formed it to be inhabited, “I am the Lord and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:18).

The Lord your Maker, the One who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth says, “I am the Lord, your God, who planted the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth.” (Isaiah 51:13, 16). The living God made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything that is in them. (Acts 14:15).

Through believing what God has said we have come to know that the worlds were planned and brought into being at the command of God, so that the things which are seen were not made from things that are visible. (Hebrews 11:3).
At the Very First
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now, the earth was an empty wasteland, devoid of living things, in complete darkness. The Spirit of God was hovering with anticipation over the surface of the waters.

Day One. God Created Light.
God said, “Let there be light.” And there was light! God saw the light and He was fully satisfied with it. And God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light, “Day,” and the darkness He called “Night.” There was evening and there was morning, the First Day.

Day Two. God Fashioned the Atmosphere
“Let there be a space between the waters, and let it separate the waters above from the waters on the earth below.” And God made the space and divided the waters which were on the earth below from the waters which were above the space. And it came about, just as God had said. God called the space “the heavens.” There was an evening and there was a morning, and together they made up Day Two.

And God said, “Let the waters on the earth below the space be gathered together into one place, and let dry land appear.” And it came about, just as God had said. God called the dry land “Earth,” and the gathering together of the accumulated waters He called “Sea.” And what He saw He delighted in.
Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass and seed-bearing plants and trees bearing fruit, each according to its own kind and each producing its distinctive seed throughout the earth.” And it came to be, just as God had said. God looked, and gave His approval to what He saw. And that evening and that morning comprised Day Three.
Day Four. **God Made the Sun, the Moon and the Stars.**

And God said, “Let there be great lights in the upper space of the heavens, placed in such a way as to divide the day from the night. And let them become signs to mark off the seasons and the days and the years. And let them become lights in the upper space of heaven, to shed light on the earth.” And it came to be, just as God had said. God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to rule over the night. He also made the stars. Then God set them in the upper space of the heavens, to shed light on the earth and to govern the day and the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God looked with satisfaction on what He saw. There was an evening and there was a morning, and they made up Day Four.

Day Five. **God Created the Fish and the Birds.**

God said, “Let the waters swarm with myriads of living creatures. Let birds fly above the earth in the open spaces of the atmosphere.” And God created the great sea monsters and every living, moving creature with which the waters would teem, each according to its own kind, and every winged creature according to its kind. God looked with satisfaction on what He saw. God blessed them saying, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the sea. Let birds multiply throughout the earth.” So there was an evening and a morning, and they comprised Day Five.

Day Six. **God Created Both the Animals and Man.**

Next, God said, “Let there appear throughout the earth living creatures, each according to its own kind, domestic cattle and creatures that move along the ground and the animals of the earth, each according to its own kind.” And that is exactly how it came to be.

God made the animals of the world, each according to its own kind, and the domestic animals according to their kinds, and everything that moves along the ground, each according to its own kind. And God looked with satisfaction on what He saw.

And God said, “Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, over the domestic animals, and over all the earth, and over every living thing that moves along the ground.” And God created man in His image, in the likeness of God He created him. He created them male and female. God blessed Man and said to them, “Be fruitful. Multiply. Fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves in the earth.”
The Creator was Completely Satisfied

And God said, “Look, I have given you every plant on the face of the whole earth that bears seeds and every tree which has fruit with seeds in it. These will be food for you. And to every animal on the earth, to every bird in the sky and to everything that has life and moves along the ground, I have given every green plant as food for them.” And that is just how it came to be.

God looked over everything He had made. And behold, He was completely satisfied.

So there was a morning and an evening, and they made up Day Six (Genesis 1:31).

In this way, the making of the heavens and the earth was finished, along with everything they contained. On the seventh day, God had finished the work He had been doing, and He rested from all His work of creation. God set aside the seventh day as His own, because on that day He rested from all the work He had been doing in creating and making all things. (Genesis 2:1-3).

And God Made Woman

The Lord God said, “It is not good that the Man should be alone. I will make a companion suited to him.” From the common elements of the ground, the Lord God had formed every animal in the fields and every bird in the sky. He brought them to the Man to see what he would call them. And whatever the Man called each living creature, that became the name given to it. The Man gave names to all the domestic animals, to the birds of the sky and to every wild animal. But for the Man, there was not found among them a companion suited to him. The Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on the Man. While he slept God removed from him a part of his body and then closed up the flesh from which it had been taken. From that portion of his body which He had taken from Man, God made a Woman and brought her to the man. And the man said, “She is now part of my bones and flesh. She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” So a man will leave his father and his mother and be united with his wife, and they shall be one. They were both naked, the man and his wife. And they felt no shame. (Genesis 2:18-25)
From the beginning, God made them male and female. (Mark 10:6). The day that God created man upon the earth. (Deuteronomy 4:32). In the likeness of God, God made man. (Genesis 9:6).

In six days, the Lord made heaven and earth and the sea and all that is in them. And He rested on the seventh day. (Exodus 20:11). The Lord determines the number of the stars, He calls them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power. His understanding is infinite (Ps. 147:4, 5).

This is an account of the history of the creation of the heavens and the earth, at the time when the Lord God made earth and heaven. As yet, no green plant had appeared on the earth, and no plants of the field had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not yet caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no one to till the ground. Instead, there came mists that covered the entire surface of the land with moisture. (Genesis 2:4-6).

The Lord God fashioned man out of the common elements of the earth and breathed into him the breath of life. And man became a living soul. (Genesis 2:7). All men whom He has made, (Job 37:7).

My Maker. (Job 36:3). There is a spirit of intelligence in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding. (Job 32:8). God my Maker, gives songs in the night and teaches us more than the animals of the earth. He makes us wiser than the birds of the sky. (Job 35:10,11). The life of living things is in the blood. As to the life of all living things, its blood is all one with its life. (Leviticus 17:11,14).

**I Have Spread Out the Earth**

This is what the Lord says, who made the world, the Lord who formed it to establish it, the Lord is His name, “My covenant of day and night stands.... I have appointed the fixed order of heaven and the earth.” (Jer. 33:2, 25). This is what God the Lord says, He who created the heavens and stretched them out, He who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, He who gives the breath of life to the people on the earth and life to those who dwell on it, “I am the Lord, that is My name. I will not give my glory to another” (Isaiah 42:5, 8).

“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Who determined the measurements of it? On what were the foundations fastened? Who laid its corner stone? Or, who shut up the sea as with doors.... and marked out for it my boundaries, and said, ‘So far shall you come, but no further; here your proud waves will stop?’” (Job 38:4-11).
I am the Lord, Who Has Made All Things

This is what the Lord says, the One who made you and formed you from the womb.... the Lord your Redeemer, “I am the Lord, who makes all things, the One who by Myself stretched out the heavens and spread abroad the earth” (Isaiah 44:2,24). This is what the Lord says, who formed me from the womb to be His servant.... (Isaiah 49:5.)

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you” (Jeremiah. 1:5).

“Bring My sons from far, and My daughters from the ends of the earth, every one who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, whom I have made (Isaiah 43:6,7). I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.... My people, My chosen, whom I have formed for Myself, that they might show forth My praise” (Isaiah 43:15, 21). And the Lord said to him, “Who has made man's mouth? Is it not I, the Lord?” (Exodus 4:11). “I, even, am He... who makes alive.” (Deuteronomy 32:39).

“I am the Lord, and there is none else. I form the light and create darkness. Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker. He is a piece of broken pottery among the broken pottery of the earth. Shall the clay say to Him who fashions it, ‘What are You making?’ or ‘Your work (your sculpture) has no hands’? (Isaiah 45:6-9).

“Should you not be afraid before Me,” says the Lord. “Ought you not to tremble at My presence? I who have placed the sands as a boundary for the sea by a perpetual decree, a barrier that it cannot pass over?” (Jeremiah 5:22).


Worship the Lord in holy array, tremble before Him all the earth. The world has been firmly established; it cannot be moved. (1 Chronicles 16:30)

The Faithful Response

You are worthy, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and by the act of Your will they came into being, they were created (Revelation 4:11). O, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your mighty power and Your outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You... the great, the mighty God. The Lord of hosts is His name (Jeremiah 32:17, 18). I thank You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth. (Matthew 11:25).

You are the Lord, even You alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, and earth and all things that are on it, the seas and all that is in them. And You preserve them all. (Nehemiah 9:6). Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and
the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for everything in the heavens and in the earth is Yours... You are exalted as head above all. You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might... Now, therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name (1 Chronicles 29:11-13).

**God is Robed with Honor and Majesty.**

O Lord, my God, You are very great. You are robed with honor and majesty. You surround Yourself with light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a curtain. You lay out the beams of Your dwelling place in the rain clouds. You make the clouds Your chariot. You walk on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your angels, flames of fire your servants. (Psalms 104:1-4).

You laid the foundation of the earth, so that it would remain stable. You covered it with vast expanses of water, as though You were giving it a set of clothing. The waters stood even above the high places of the earth. At Your rebuke, they fled. At the voice of Your thunder, they hurried away--the mountains rose and the valleys sank down--into the place You had determined for them. You have set a boundary that they may not cross over, so that the waters will not again return and cover the earth. (Psalms 104:5-9).

In ancient times, You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will pass away, but You shall endure, yes, all of them will wear out like a garment. As a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed. But You remain the same, and Your years will have no end. (Psalms 102:25, 27).

In the beginning, You Lord laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, they will grow old like a garment. And as a robe You will roll them up. Like a garment, they will be changed. (Hebrews 1:10-12).

O Lord, You made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything that is in them. (Acts 4:24). O Lord, what variety there is in Your works! With great wisdom You have made them all. The earth is filled with Your riches. Over there is the sea, great and wide, and in it there are untold numbers of living creatures, both small and great. There go the ships. And beyond is Leviathan, which You have made to romp in the sea. All of these are dependent on You, waiting for You to give them their food in due season. (Psalms 104:24-27). You have established the earth and it remains steadfast. (Psalms 119:90). You have established the light and the sun. You have set all the borders of the earth. You have made summer and winter. (Psalms 74:16,17).

The heavens are Yours. The earth also is Yours, the world and everything in it. You have established them. The north and the south, You have created them. (Psalms 119:90).
Before the mountains were brought forth, or You had ever formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God (Psalms 90:2). O Lord of hosts, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth (Isaiah 37:16). Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let Your glory be over all the earth. (Psalms 57:5). Blessed be His glorious name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. (Psalms 72:19).

Fear God and give glory to Him. Worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and the fountains of water (Revelation 14:7). He who lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and all things that are in it, the earth and everything that is on it and the sea and everything that it contains. (Revelation 10:6). The Faithful and True Witness, the Author of God’s creation. (Revelation 3:14).

The High Point of All Creation

When I think about Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which You have precisely set in place, I am made to wonder what is man that you pay so much attention to him? What is a human being that You should care about him?

For You have made him just a little lower than God, and you have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to rule over the things You have made, and put everything under his jurisdiction: sheep and cattle, yes, even the wild animals of the field, the birds of the sky, the fish of the sea, and whatever make its way through the oceans. O Lord, our Lord! How excellent is Your name in all the earth! (Psalms 8:3-9).

We are the Clay, You the Potter

Your hands have made me and molded me into an integral unity. Remember, I implore You, that You have fashioned me like clay (out of common elements). You have clothed me with skin and flesh, and have knit me together with bones and tendons. And You have given me life. (Job 10:8-10).

Now, O Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay and You our potter. We are all the work of Your hand. (Isaiah 64:8). O, remember how short my time is, and for what a fleeting purpose You have created all men! What man is there who will not see death, that will be able to deliver himself from the power of the grave? (Psalms 89:47,48). As for man, his days are like the green grass. Like the flower of the field, he flourishes. The wind blows over it, and it withers. The place where it stood will know it no more. (Psalms 103:15,16). All men are like the green grass and all their attractiveness is transitory, like the flowers of the field. (Isaiah 40:6). All mankind is like grass and all its glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall. (1 Peter 1:24).
You formed the inward parts of my body. You knit me together in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are awe-inspiring, and that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in a hidden place, and was being intricately wrought amidst darkness and mystery. Your eyes observed my still only partly formed being, and in Your Book they were all written down, even to the number of days ordained for me to live. And that was even before any of those days were seen. (Psalms 139:13-16). Your hands have made me and fashioned me. (Psalms 119:73). He who made the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? (Psalms 94:9). All the nations, which You have made, will come and bow down before You, O Lord, and they will glorify Your name. (Psalms 86:9).

The Great Originator

The Lord is the True God, the living God. He has made the earth by His power, and established the world by His wisdom. By His understanding He stretched out the heavens. (Jeremiah 10:10,12). By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their starry hosts by the breath of His mouth. He gathers up the waters of the sea as though putting them in a bottle. He lays up all the waters of the deep within the boundaries of His storehouse. Let all the earth fear the Lord. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He simply spoke and it was done. He sent out His command and the world was firmly established. (Psalms 33:6-9).

The heavens proclaim the glory of God, and the skies are a display of His handiwork. Day after day, they speak. And night after night they present their evidence. But there is no audible sound or spoken word. No voice is heard. Still their sound goes out through the whole earth, and their message goes out to every part of the world. (Psalms 19:1-4).

God has set a great tent for the sun in the sky. The sun then is like a bridegroom coming out of his chambers, rejoicing like a strong athlete setting out to run his race. He speeds forth from one end of the heavens, and makes a full circuit to the other. No one is left out from the warmth He gives! (Psalms 19:4-6).

Through His Son, God Created All Things

Through His Son, God made the universe. The Son upholds all things by His powerful word. (Hebrews 1:2, 3) All things were created by Him, in the earth and in the heavens, visible and invisible. All things were created through Him and for Him. He
existed before all things, and in Him all things are held together. (Colossians 1:16, 17). All things were made through Him, and apart from Him nothing has come into existence that was made. In Him was life. (John 1:3,4).

The Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. (Psalms 96:5). God created all things. (Ephesians 3:9). The world was made through Him (John 1:10). He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and by His understanding has He stretched out the heavens. He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind out of His treasure house. (Jeremiah 51:15,16). The Lord reigns. He is clothed with majesty. The Lord is clothed with strength, He has girded Himself with it. The world is established so that it cannot be moved. (Psalms 93:1).

**To Whom Will You Compare Me?**

Who has measured the waters (of the ocean) in the hollow of His hand? Or marked off the heavens with a measuring stick? Or gathered together the dust of the earth in a basket? Or weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has instructed the Spirit of the Lord, or as a counselor has instructed Him?

All the nations are as nothing before Him. They are counted by Him as less than nothing, empty wind. To whom, then, will you compare God? It is He who sits above the circle of the earth and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

“To whom then will you compare Me, that I should be equal with him?” says the holy One. Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens. See who has created these, that brings out the starry host one by one. He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His mighty strength. Because He is great in power, not one of them is missing.

The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth--He does not faint or grow weary, and there is no way to plumb the depths of His understanding. (Isaiah 40:12-28).

That men might see and know and consider and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it. (Isaiah 41:20). The Lord gives the sun for a light by day, and the moon and the stars in their fixed order for a light by night. The Lord of hosts is His name. (Jeremiah 31:35). Lo, He formed the mountains and creates the wind, and proclaims unto man what is His thought. He makes the morning darkness and treads on the high places of the earth. The Lord, the God of hosts, is His name. (Amos 4:13). Seek Him who calls for the waters of the sea and pours
them forth upon the face of the earth. (Amos 5:8). It is He who builds His chambers in the heavens and has founded His vault in the earth. He called for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth. The Lord is His name. (Amos 9:6).

The Earth Belongs to the Lord

This is what the Lord says, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him. (Zechariah 12:7). The earth belongs to the Lord, and everything in it, the entire world and all those who live in it. Because He laid its foundations upon the seas, and established it on the waters of the world. How do we know? Because God planned for life in this world on the basis of an abundance of water. He set up (plant and animal) life with vast expanses of water as its foundation (Psalms 24:1,2).

I reverently worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land. (Jonah 1:9). Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.” The world has been established so that it cannot be moved. (Psalms 96:10). Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, who bows down to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth? (Psalms 113:5, 6).

Whatever it pleased the Lord to do, that is what He has done, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all their deep places. (Psalms 135:6). The Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Psalms 124:8). The Lord is the One who made heaven and earth. (Psalms 134:3)

The God of Great Wonders

O give thanks to the Lord of lords! Give thanks to Him who alone does great wonders, to Him who by His wisdom made the heavens, to Him who laid out the earth above the waters, to Him who made great lights—the sun to govern the day and the moon and stars to rule over the night. (Psalms 136:3-9).

What can be known about God is clear to men, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world the invisible things concerning Him are clearly seen, being made discernible through the things that are made, that is, His everlasting power and divine nature, so that they are without excuse. Because, knowing God, they did not glorify Him as God and were not thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. (Romans 1:19-21).

The Lord, the God of Jacob, made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them. (Psalms 146:6). The whole earth is the Lord's, and everything that is in it. (1 Corinthians 10:26). The eyes of all creatures wait for You. You give them their food in due season.
You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The Lord... is loving to all He has made. (Psalms 145:15-17). Everything created by God is good. (1 Timothy 4:4). (Certain types of food)...which God created to be received with thanksgiving. (1 Timothy 4:3). From the Lord, and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

**The Giver of Life**

God made the world and all things in it. He is the Lord of heaven and earth. He Himself gives life and breath and everything else to all. He made of one man every nation of men to settle on the face of the earth, having determined their allotted time and the boundaries of their habitation. .....For in Him we live and move, and have our being. (Acts 17:16, 24-26, 28).

God gives life to all things. (1 Timothy 6:13). My Maker. (Job 4:22). The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty has given me life. (Job 33:4). You know not how the bones grow in the womb of a woman who is with child. And in the same way, you do not understand the work of God, who makes all things. (Ecclesiastes 11:5). Do not forget your Creator. (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Shall the thing that is made say to the One who made it, “He made me not?” or the thing formed say of Him who formed it, “He has no understanding” (Isaiah 29:16).

All things were made through Him, and apart from Him nothing has come into existence that was made.” (John 1:3).

May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The heavens, yes, the very heavens, belong to the Lord, but the earth He has given to the children of men. (Psalms 115:15,16). My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Psalms 121:2). The rich and the poor, the Lord is the Maker of them all. (Proverbs 22:2). The poor man and the oppressor, the Lord gives sight to the eyes of them both. (Proverbs 29:13). The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the Lord has made both of them. (Proverbs 20:12).

**The Great Garden**

Then the Lord God planted a garden area toward the east, in Eden (place of Delight). There He placed the Man whom He had formed. And out of the ground there, the Lord God caused to grow every kind of tree that is pleasant to the eye and is good for food. In the center of this garden, God also planted the Tree of Life, and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. And a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden. Then the Lord God took the Man and placed him in the Garden at Eden, to cultivate it and to take care of it (Genesis 2:8-10, 15).
Man’s Days are Like a Shadow

Is He not your Father who bought you? He has made you and established you. God gave you birth. (Deuteronomy 32:6,18). Man is born of a woman and is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and withers. He flees also like a shadow, and does not continue long. (Job 14:1,2). We brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of the world. (I Timothy 6:7).

The days of a man are determined, the number of his months is set by You and You have determined boundaries that he cannot pass over. (Job 14:5). What is man, that You should consider him significant? And that You should set Your heart upon him? (Job 7:17). My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle. O, remember that my life is like a breath. (Job 7:6,7). Our days on earth are but a shadow (Job 8:9). God made me in the womb. Did not the same One fashion us both in the womb? (Job 31:15). In an ancient time, man was placed upon the earth. (Job 20:4).

The Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (Romans 1:25).

God alone stretches out the heavens, and treads upon the waves of the sea. He makes the constellations—the Bear, Orion and the Pleiades—and the starry spaces of the south. God does great things beyond our understanding, yes, marvelous things without number. (Job 9:8-10). From the beginning of the world which God created. (Mark 13:19). He stretches out the northern sky over empty space, and hangs the earth upon nothing. By His Spirit the heavens are garnished. (Job 26:7, 13).

The deep places of the earth are in the hands of the Lord. The mountain heights are His also. The sea is His—He made it. And His hands formed the dry land. (Psalms 95:4-5). God Most High, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Genesis 14:19).
The earth is the Lord’s. (Exodus 9:29). The foundations of the earth are the Lord’s and He has set the world upon them. (1 Samuel 2:8). The Lord made the heavens. (1 Chronicles 16:26). The Lord is the God of heaven and the God of the earth. (Genesis 24:3). Can a man be pure before His Maker? (Job 4:17).

**Give Praise to the Creator**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon. Praise Him, all the skies and the heavens and the clouds of the sky. Let them praise the Name of the Lord. For He commanded and they were created. He has also firmly established them forever and ever. He has decreed limits none can pass over. (Psalms 148:3-6).

Consider the wondrous works of God. Do you know how He balanced the clouds, the wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge? Can you, along with Him, spread out the sky? It is as strong as a mirror of molten metal. Concerning the Almighty, we cannot find Him out. We cannot look upon the majesty which God has upon Him. He is exalted in power. For this reason, men fear Him (Job 37:14,16,18,23,24).

My Maker. (Job 36:3). The Lord, God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth. (Genesis 14:22). Whatever the Lord pleased, that has He done, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps. (Psalms 135:6). The kingdom is the Lord’s. He is the Ruler over the nations. (Psalms 22:28). God promised before times eternal (Titus 1:2). We who are in this bodily frame groan…, that what is mortal may be swallowed up in life. (2 Corinthians 5:4).

From the beginning, before the world was, when there were no ocean depths, when there were no springs abounding with waters, before the mountains and hills were set in place, while as yet the Lord had not made the earth or the fields, nor all the common elements of the world, when He prepared the heavens, when He set a horizon over the face of the ocean, when He made firm the skies above, when He settled securely the fountains of the deep, when He set the boundaries for the oceans so the waters would not overstep the limits He determined, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, I was beside Him, as a Master Workman. I was daily His delight, rejoicing always in His presence. I had delight continually in His habitable earth, and My delight was in mankind. (Proverbs 8:23-31). (Note: The Speaker of this portion is designated as, “I, Wisdom.” It is thought by many to have been spoken by the Eternal Son who was “with God in the beginning” and through whom “all things were made.”)

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O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. (Psalms 95:6). Worship Him Who made heaven and earth, the sea and the fountains of waters. (Revelation 14:7).