

IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

We have looked at the creation of the heavens and all that is them, including the host of heaven where God dwells, now to look at the creation of the earth and all that is in it.

When we think of the earth we are inclined to think of it in a simplistic way, but when God created the earth he created it in all its complexity, from the smallest part that we know of now such as the elements, molecules, atoms, electrons, protons and neutrons and all the visible and invisible parts of the sphere on which we live.

THE GODHEAD AS CREATOR

We are introduced first to a tri-une God, FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT, who brought into existence a tri-universe of TIME, SPACE, MATTER, and a tri-energy system, LIGHT, HEAT and SOUND.

At the first the earth was without form and void, the word form means that it was a desolation, there wasn't anything growing, and the word void has a similar meaning of empty or vacant, so the earth has been formed but all is dark and there is nothing that had a particular shape no motion no light. Then we are introduced to the third person of the trinity the Holy Spirit who moved or pulsated with dynamic energy [as the word means] over the waters,

THE MIGHTY POWER

Here is the first description of a power source in verse two, and this is when the earth was charged with energy and the force of gravity and magnetic energy came into play.

Can anyone explain the power force of a bar magnet, there is no input of energy, no consumption of power yet it is always active and no matter how much you use it there is no decrease in strength,

Now every scientist worth his salt will acknowledge that energy cannot create itself and this first observable energy came from the Holy Spirit

Then in v.3 the triune God ELOHIM spoke and light came into existence, this pure light includes the entire electromagnetic spectrum.

We cannot comprehend the beauty and the pureness of this light, it came from the presence of God unaffected by sin or the curse for V4 tells us AND GOD SAW THE LIGHT, THAT IT WAS GOOD. Here we see God bringing order out of chaos.

It is interesting to notice that light was created on the first day of creation, which is the day we worship God. Now it is important to know that it is impossible for an unsaved person to worship God in spirit and in truth without the light of the gospel to first shine into their heart, which is another way of saying you must be born again as Jesus said to Nicodemus,

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

These words have a distinct meaning in the greek, it means to be "born from above" something that God does in you and to you, and cannot be obtained by any other way than realizing that you are a great sinner before God and confessing that sin to him and asking the Lord Jesus to save you from the punishment of that sin and to come into and control your life.

LIGHT OUT OF DARKNESS

Then a very simple statement declares a profound action, God divided the light from the darkness and as God asked Job the question, BY WHAT WAY IS THE LIGHT PARTED, no man can do what God has done, Here is the first act of separation which has continued down through the ages, in heaven there is continual light, in hell utter darkness and between the two there is a great gulf fixed and the two will never be reconciled.

From the moment God spoke time began, for the scriptures say, IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED DAY NIGHT

Now the Heb. Word, for day is yom and it means to be warm or hot and describes the provision of God's light, which through the turn of the earth gave a twenty four hour day, which is qualified by the words evening and the morning were the first day, the same terminology is used for the following five days so that there can be no uncertainty that God intended the reader to understand clearly that creation was accomplished in six literal twenty four hour periods and each day terminating with an evening.

This holy book is given by God to man that he might understand by clear language how he created all things. If we look at all the verses in Genesis chapter one you will notice that except for verse one all the verses start with the connecting word and, signifying that each statement is chronological and sequential.

The specific context and meaning of the word day prevents any other meaning than one turn of the earth.

God shone out of the darkness and because of the rotation of the earth the first change of light came at evening, verse Five and the evening and the morning were the first day

THE WATERS ABOVE AND THE WATERS BELOW

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

Previously there was only chaos, how did chaos become order? How did the waters on the earth become separated from the water high above the atmosphere?

There is no mention of clouds in the bible until after the flood for it tells us in

Gen 2:6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

Many dependable scientists believe that the waters above the firmament was water vapor, which is transparent and this allowed the people on the earth to view the stars and had the ability to receive the incoming solar radiation or suns rays, but also able to retain much of the reflected radiation heat from the earth surface giving a global greenhouse effect.

This vapor canopy would also effectively filter out any harmful ultraviolet radiation and cosmic rays.

A WORD OF CAUTION

Those who contend that God doesn't mean a literal 24 hour day, but long eons of time commit two crimes, they take away from God's word, and they add their own bias, both of these situations are dealt with by the wrath of God in the last few verses of holy writ.