


# CREATION

## **GENESIS PRELUDE -EVIDENCE FOR CREATION & SHORT EARTH THEORY-LEADING SCIENTISTS CORROBORATE CREATION AS RECORDED IN GENESIS**

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### **A preliminary study**

I have decided immediately to relate scripture to foremost scientific thought and find myself impressed with the growing body of science in favour of a creation model exactly as scripture attests within the margins of some thousands of years and encompassing new understandings of how the whole immense fabric of outer space is related to this **6 day creation**.

I am not lending any credibility to the evolutionary and materialist scientific community which has commandeered the science journals and foisted its fixation with theories that deny creation and the flood upon the early learners in the schools as if these were validated truth. My interest is to show the growing solidarity of excellent scientific minds such as those of Morris, Humphreys, Settlefield and Safarti with the inspired narrative of scripture. Besides this I wish to draw attention to the valuable models these men of science have developed and the impressive arsenal of facts they have assembled in favour of a short earth and a recent creation. To believe the bible requires no theological fudge as to the associated sciences of geology astronomy and mathematics. All have their place and in time will I believe confirm in detail the inspired truth of the scriptures.

### **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

The "feminine" gender of *beginning* suggests not "dignity" but simply "the first of its kind" or "the former state". The "worth" of the earth is simply that it is a "firstling". Before the sun or stars ever shone in vacuum of the stretched out heavens the earth was there in the darkness. While God in His great strength was to continue for 6 days His creative scheme we are to understand that He then rested or brought to an end His work of creation which was "very good" The LORD God has since undertaken two massive creative projects. The first is the creation of "a new man" via the spiritual work of the incarnation and atonement. This work like the first involved the Son of God and the Holy Spirit of God. The second work He Himself attests is the creation of a "New heaven and new earth" which has no need of stars or sun. Aside from these we have no evidence that encourages the belief that God is supplementing or further fine tuning this creation on the contrary He promised to fold up this star system like a garment whose earth He will destroy with fire. The theory of continuing creation in known dimensions of the present physical universe was the first counter argument of evolutionary thinkers. There is even a hymn to show its infiltration to the community of faith. "New born worlds rise and adore." The physical universe has aged but the coherence it has is maintained in the first instance by Jesus Christ (Colossians 1.17)

## **The "stretching out" of the empty heavens-space (and time) created in Genesis 1.1**

*Through the "Hubble telescope" scientists discovered **Andromeda** (of which galaxy Roosevelt said, I only need to go out and look at this great galaxy to feel humbled") is one hundred million light years away. With today's telescopes we now know that there are hundreds of millions of galaxies some billions of light years away. This is the significance of the stretching out of the heavens. Whether it was done on Day One or Day Four to create "space" of the sort that would house these stars it required power to expand or draw out space at incredible multiples of the speed of light.*

Genesis 1.2 God created the heavens and the earth

Psalms 104.2 He stretches out the heavens as a tent

Isaiah 42.5 God...created the heavens and stretched them out"

Isaiah 44.24 I am the LORD who has made all things who alone stretched out the heavens

Isaiah 45.12 My own hands stretched out the heavens I marshalled their starry hosts

Isaiah 48.13 My right hand spread out the heavens when I summoned them they all stand up together

Isaiah 51.13 Your maker stretched out the heavens

Jeremiah 10.12 He stretched out the heavens by his understanding.

Jeremiah 51.15 He made the world by His wisdom and stretched out the heavens by His understanding

Zechariah 12.1 The LORD who stretches out the heavens

### **Validity of the Short Earth concept**

The calculation of the date of Adam's creation by Archbishop James Ussher (1581-1656) was accepted by Sir Isaac Newton who considered that the Egyptians were over 1000 years adrift by pushing their history back to 5000BC. The present date for the opening of Egyptian history is officially 3000BC -and this is subject to a correction of 600 years because MENES or MIZRAIM, founder of Egypt is biblically dated at 2300-2400. Given that Adam was created within 6 days of the creation of earth as scripture states no corroboration of any theory painting a million or multi million year history for our planet can be looked for in these earliest historical and divinely inspired writings. Scientific theory is in a mighty flux and it will be increasingly pressed to redress the **Long Earth** concept as knowledge increases. Because we are dealing with one of the world's most reputable books in the Hebrew "book of beginnings" (Genesis) let me set down a number of considerations that undermine the Long Earth concept.

### **Facts in favour of Short Earth date**

Two gems, one highly valued; one much less so, serve to support a young earth.

(a) Carbon 14 found in the form of **diamonds** (accepting strong pre-flood magnetism to diminish C-14) would date the beginning of diamonds to 5000 B.C. (John Baumgartner

(b) Zircons (the biblical jacinth) which feature the slow release of helium by statistical analysis demonstrate a 6000 year long earth. The long earth model requires a 100,000 times slower release-falsely inflating the earth age (cf Dr Don De Young's "Thousands not millions")

**Henry Morris'** "Genesis and the flood" yields two other valuable facts I shall call arguments from "dirt" and "dust."

(a) First the Mississippi has poured just enough eroded dirt into the Sea to account for 6000 years of history. Scientists who conclude that it took 15 million years for the river sediments to collect write off the deluge which accounts for that amount of sediment alone. The sediment clock favours a young earth.

(b) Second the first moon landing shocked scientists because the amount of dust on the moon was minimal-discordant with a planet which existed for more than 10,000 years. The greatest moon scientist of them all-Professor Harold Urey said, "It is easier to pretend that the moon is not in the sky than explain how it came to be there". In other words the moon is a scientific conundrum.

(c) If the earth were 4.6 billion years old its magnetic field would have decayed. Scientists invented the "dynamo" magnetic idea but Hartnett counters that it actually loses half its energy every 1465 years

### **Facts in favour of a young universe**

(a) Spiral galaxies like our own would have wound round their centres **hundreds of times** by now but only **two or three turns** at most have been observed.

(b) When Supernovae explode there are 300 years of energy flow; from 1000 to 12,000 years of radio waves and small energy waves for up to 6 million years. In the Milky Way only **200** stage two remnants of Supernovae **running into some thousands of years** have been found -support for a young universe.

### **A Big bang Critique**

Galaxies appeared to **Edwin Hubble** to be moving apart at speeds exceeding that of light. George Gamou postulated that vast heat energy must be all over the universe from the big bang. Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson found low level microwave radiation universe-wide which is now given as primary evidence for the "big bang", supposedly 15 billion years ago. On his kitchen table in Beersheba Moshe Carmeli developed what is called *Space-velocity* and predicts contraction and velocity dilation in the universe-still within a steady state universe without a "big bang." Sir Fred Hoyle characterised the theory as "dull as dishwasher expansion which degrades itself without gain or loss of heat until it is incapable of doing anything at all. The notion that galaxies (thus) form is an illusion. Nothing forms **-the thing is dead as a doornail.**" As Hartnett says the theory gives us just an "empty gas cloud"

(a) **Halton Arp** discovered that red shift is not the recessional speed of the universe but quasars associated with galaxies close by. The "Big bangers" profess not to know

what quasars are. ARP explains they are "quasi stellar radio sources". Hubble in 1963 said they were "something different" travelling from us at 90% the speed of light. If so they must be far away and to be seen they must be hugely bright.

But light **travels across them in one day** so they are not galaxies. If the light variation equals one rotation the object turns right around in one earth day. ARP discovered that the quasars are paired with active nearby galaxies. If the redshift is just X Rays from nearby quasars it is not associated with the fastest most distant and brightest things in the universe-the evidence for the universe moving apart is invalid.

(b) **Physicist Russell Humphreys** pointed out that redshifts can be seen in every direction from earth and at the same discrete intervals. He says we could only see this pattern if we were in the centre of the universe with the galaxies lying on concentric shells of peak abundance of red-shift (quasars accompanying galaxies). In 1997 Borge and Nodland found radio N & S poles in the galaxies so angled that Humphreys postulates we are at the axis or centre of this polar line of the universe. The Wilkinson Microwave Probe produced maps from data collected in 2002 showing that contrary to the idea of the universe not looking the same from every direction as would follow from a "Bang" the observations show the contrary-what Dr Max Tegmark called "Bizarre"-every way you look from us it is isotropic--in other words we are at the centre of a contained universe.

(c) **The Sloan Digital Sky Survey** shows the galaxies are distributed in concentric shells-which no "bang" could ever produce-and they are focussed on our galaxy-the closer the denser and the farther (representing earlier time) the less dense. But in a "Bang" the reverse would be the case.

(d) A big bang produces equal amounts of matter & anti-matter but that is not what we see-our universe consists almost completely of matter. **Besides in a "big bang" universe there would not be galaxies stars planets and people-just an expanding cloud of gas, this is a pretty conclusive argument against it. In May of 2004 33 scientists** pointed out that the big bang relies on hypothetical theories re-unobserved "inflation" and behaviour of "dark matter".

(e) **Dr John Hartnett "Dismantling the big bang"** presents a Young Solar System model where the "waters above" are at the perimeter of our solar system. They can thus impact us as was the case at the flood and will be the case with the "star-fall" and "the burning mountain that will tumble to earth from space" as predicted in the Apocalypse. Hartnett postulates the creation of our solar system on Day 1 and the stretching out of the heaven and the creation of stars etc on day 4. By this model the "stretching out" of outer space and marshalling of stars took place in the course of a single earth day-day 4. During this fourth day the Crab Nebula would have exploded just as noted by the Chinese in 1054; SN 1987a Supernova would have exploded and its light have begun its journey to earth-arriving in 1987.

**The creation of Light and the first day YOM**

**And God said, "Let there be light." God saw that the light was good and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day" and the darkness He called "night." And there was evening and there was morning-the first "day"** To have an ordinary day what was needed was (a) a source of light and (b) earth rotation. The "separation" or disjunction of light and dark plus rotation at that time yielded the first day. We know there were earth waters from Genesis 1.1 and can infer that if the rotation was very long, massive tides would occur and if rotation was fast huge winds would be produced which would destroy the work of days 2 and 3 so that God could not declare "It was very good".

**COMMENTARY-GENESIS 1**  
**BEGINNINGS (Heaven & Earth, light, plants)**  
**READING No.1 Genesis1.1-13**

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

*The presentation may not be familiar to you. I have translated the Torah from a rendering of medieval Shephardic Hebrew text. The readings from Genesis to Deuteronomy constitute the devout Jew's daily readings for 365-6 days. The first words of each of the 50 or more sections of the Books of Moses give us topics which cover much of what man needs to know about God himself and his world. The section before us now is that on "Beginnings".*

*In this section and the next we must take account of the anticipation lying behind what God "saw" at each stage of creation. God declared with joy much as He did at the mount of transfiguration His deep satisfaction with His non-retractable acts. God is committed to "light and enlightening"; to the kingdom on earth and in heaven and to saving provision for man through sowing His life at the cross and so to the harvest of the ages. God from the outset saw His acts of creation as germane to these lasting purposes. There is no "going back" with God-he does not repent.*

**THREE HEBREW VERBS (1)**

In the **beginning God created the heavens and the earth.** Barbara Chenault Duff, the daughter of American General Chenault who led the D Day landings was not only a superb soloist but very conversant with scripture when I met her in the 1980's. She first pointed out to me the three Hebrew verbs for "Create"-BARA, ASAH' & YATZA. The first I shall connect with the carpenter for it means "to cut" or "to choose"; the second with the chef for it means to "create as an offering"; the third with the potter for this verb means "to form". The Hebrew word BARA attracts its "ex nihilo" significance from Hebrews 11.3 though essentially it means "to choose" so that we may say God's first choice was to select (not from a range of wood samples like the carpenter) but from His own mind what he "created" The word is cognate to "cut" so that we may say our glorious Saviour the Word of God(who was known on earth as a TEKTON or builder "separated" this material universe as a new dimension which had no forerunner.

**In the beginning** Augustine said, "It is idle to look for time before creation, as if time can be found before time".

**WITHOUT FORM AND VOID (2)**

And the earth was without form and void. (Hebrew TOHU BOHU) The Hebrew words mean "with no regular form" -this since the muddy earth was subject to invasive mighty swirling waters (described as "the deep" or "commotion") in the darkness. **The earth was also "empty"**

*like an empty house. In Proverbs 8,27 the WORD (God's wisdom, Christ) was there when God first "set a compass on the horizon" so that the earth took form as the sphere we now know. It is hard to conceive of it as a lump of indeterminate shape superficially mud and water but with a core of molten iron -but that is exactly how it was. It was bathed in darkness and its "great deep"(Hebrew TEHOM) was in the folds of darkness. Peter speaks of the earth as "standing out of the water and in the water" 2Peter 3.2*

## **THE SPIRIT O F GOD IN ACTION**

*And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. The "face of the waters" suggests the earth is to be thought of from the start as akin to the human head-of a round character. This hovering suggests the beginnings of life as we know it. It entails "waves" of sound and then also as in v3 "waves of light" and also "heat waves". The earth like a troubled baby was being awakened to its profound new day.*

## **LIGHT (3-4)**

*And God said, Let there be light The first of many 'waw consecutive' verbs (one with an "and" followed by an imperfect follows the first verb of scripture-a Hebrew Perfect") begins a narrative. That indicates that what follows is a simple timed sequel. God (The Strong One) was speaking luminously and commanded Let light be and there was light All this 3 days before the creation of the Sun. Well might JOHN CALVIN comment, "The LORD bears witness that He holds in his hand the light, which He is able to impart to us without sun and moon" God saw the light prophetically for it was good. **A prophetic TORAH** Light with positive power to carry life and this without the radiation that destroys is truly good. That is indeed the character of the light of the New Jerusalem Rev 21.23. And God divided the light from the darkness The separation hails the first revolution of the earth into and out of light simulating the action of sunlight and initiating rotation.*

## **DAY /YOM (5)-DAY 1**

*And God called the light "Day" and the darkness He called "Night" and there was evening and there was morning -the first day It appears God called out these names almost like a preacher of good news. It is good news in allegory- evil is separated from good as light from darkness-this is the action and process initiated by the "Holy One."*

*Nobody bothers to argue about "night" but huge debate has emerged on the word "day" here. It was Ambrose of Milan who said, "Scripture established a law that twenty four hours including day and night, should be given the name of "day"(Ambrose: Hexameron)The theistic evolutionist who yields to eras of creation and the literary interpreter who like OCCAM divides words from external reality both object to this being a literal or 24-hour day.*

*1. "Evening and morning" used 39 times in the OT denotes a 24 hour day.*

*2. Exodus 31.12 & 20.11 "In six days the LORD made heaven and earth"-God acted within this space to give divine precedent for essential human rest.*

*3. Henry Morris pointed out that with day 1 the cycle of rotation as we know it today starts.*

*4. James Barr "When YOM means a time period it is heavily modified by other time indicators- cf "evening & morning."*

*Evening and morning were the first day Jewish understanding is that day begins from decline after noonday. Day ends as light breaks climaxing at noon*

## **DAY TWO BEGINNING OF THE EXPANSE/ RAQIA' (Hebrew "to beat out thin") (6-8)**

And God said, 'Let there be an expanse between the waters and let there be a division between waters even to waters. And God made the "expanse" and made a veil between the waters belonging to the expanse below and above and it was so. And God called the "expanse" heaven and there was evening and morning the second day Henry Morris said this is "atmosphere very likely in a vapour state and extending far out into space." It would seem that catastrophic mid Atlantic tectonic plate slide accounts for the later deluge and in this deluge upper waters played no significant role. Huge reserves of water exist below the earth's mantle-perhaps 10-12 times the amount in earth's oceans (Williams: "Drowned from below"). Whitelaw's research on the problems an ice canopy would cause-"heat loss-Sunlight diminution; high pressure up to 220 degrees; ice-field physically unupportable as it would be destroyed by ultra-violet light. Two other theses propose to explain the biblical cosmology neither of which is affected by Whitelaw's arguments. First Humphreys white hole cosmology which proposes that the waters above are 20 billion light years away and describe the edge of the universe. His model starts with a sphere of liquid water and a black hole becoming a white hole whose perimeter passed through the earth on day 4 thus accounting for a day 4 event and the expulsion of matter to the widest limits of space suddenly in what is perceived as billions of years. The second model is Hartnett's who postulates that God set the waters above at the limits of our solar system which was first created on day 1. Hartnett speaks of a process of universe expansion which on Day 4 is filled with stars and planets cascading along the expanse. He speaks of time dilation and the travel of light to us at the heart of the universe during day four. The crab nebula explosion arrived in 1054 and Supernova 1987a in that year. These models both lay claim to a more complex understanding of what scripture says-explanations which are not to be dismissed-but considered with caution.

## **DAY THREE PLANTS VEGETABLES FRUIT TREES BEGIN TO FLOURISH 11-13**

And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered to one place and let the dry land be seen" and it was so (or it was so constituted) *The command that dry land be seen in future time anticipated the first view of Adam on day 6-just 3 days ahead. God had created one landmass and one sea. We can envision a central and fertile earth encircled by sea.* John Hartnett records that geology confirms the land/water division and that there was one original landmass, which subsequently split into the present day continents. And God called the dry land 'earth' and the gathering of waters took the name 'seas' *From the plural we can deduce that the waters were so contoured as to faintly resemble oceans.* And God saw that it was good. *After this third separation God clothed the earth with plants and vegetables and trees to yield food for man.* And God said, 'let the earth bring forth full grown plant with seed (Hebrew ASHAB as opposed to DASHAH or 'newly sprouted plant')matured within it and fruit tree offering fruit and according to species -whose seed is in it's(fruit)upon the earth-and it was so. *The Hebrew here is very succinct and clear. The vegetable is at full maturity and indeed in some cases seeding. The fruit trees are ready for harvesting and some fruit has already fallen. The argument for calendar days could not be more cogent. As Henry Morris states in his 'Genesis Record' each type of organism had its own unique DNA'. And the earth brought forth mature plant life with seed within it after its kind and fruit tree offering fruit which had seed in it after its kind and God saw it was good. And there was evening and morning, the third day. That within one day from saturated mud a crop of matured vegetable and fruit should be ready to eat is a miracle unrepeatd in the plant world. We may interpret MIN as "genus" or family and ZARhA as genetic DNA or "species". Jonathan Sarfati reminds us that human sperm or egg cells could produce 2 to the power of 6700 and 10 to the power of 2017 whereas the number of atoms in the universe is only 10 to the power of 80. There was very great variety in the original DNA of the seed God created. Thus it is now widely admitted that all species of dogs came from the wolf. A Short earth view goes hand in hand with high variegation since the flood. Taking fish as*



another example SARFATI quotes the case of Lake Victoria where 300 species of cichlid fish have resulted from six endemic genera. Ernest Mayr showed that through different food choices or different calls fish and birds can alter their family genre. We must not lose the wonder of divine anticipation and provision for Man in this study. Whilst walking with man in the garden God was overjoyed by the fresh and beautiful world He had so recently prepared. No parents ever looked forward with more joy to the birth of their firstborn than God to the creation of Adam. The beautiful and mature environment for all its glory was but a shadow and figure of something further along that was by far more spectacular and enduring. In seeing the land and the fruit God saw through to the eternal city with its glory and fruits that would heal the nations.

## READING No.2 BEGINNINGS (Stars) 1.14-2.3

### **DAY FOUR SUN MOON AND STARS - THE BEGINNING OF THE SOLAR AND STAR SYSTEM**

And God said, 'Let there be positioned lights in the expanse of heaven to separate the day from night and let them be for signs and seasons days and years. And let them be *positioned* lights in the expanse of heaven to give light on earth' and it was so. And God made two great *positioned* lights; the larger *positioned* light *positioned* to rule the day and the lesser positioned light placed to rule the night and also the stars. And God provided them (as a gift) to the expanse of the heavens for light on earth. Also he gave them to rule day and night and to divide between light and darkness. And God saw ahead that it was good. And there was evening and morning the fourth day.

(a)Light and heat already were provided. As Jewish scholar Umberto CASSUTO of Jerusalem university puts it, "the light was crystallised" or linked with newly created bodies.

(b)I have interpreted the Hebrew "M" as "positional" and the position of these bodies was very important-it was eternal wisdom and love that settled them in space. Russell Humphrey's new cosmology in "starlight and time" explains that a white hole focused light in these luminaries. He proposed that the perimeter of a white hole passed through the earth on day 4 giving rise to the passage of 13 billion space years in the compass of day 4 of creation.

(c)The "seasons" involved would include seedtime and harvest-but I would extend it to the timing of the feasts of Jehovah which were linked to moon phases. They also were to be "proof" of other things. These might include "their creator" "the glory of God in Joshua's day" and "that of Hezekiah" and the importance of "the crucifixion" and as "signals of the end of the age" when the sun is darkened and the moon glows red (ADAM) or is trodden on by man. In these we may also include "weather signs" and "navigational signs" The house of the planets called the Zodiac is known among all nations and would appear to originally have proclaimed spiritual events-since erroneously taken not to refer to God's doings but rather events in our lives.

(d)That the light from the stars (which in the main are essentially simple bodies of hydrogen and helium) some billion light years away-was seen by Adam on day 6 could be possible by the creation of light energy waves (Henry Morris)

### **DAY FIVE THE FIRST FISH BIRDS AND DINOSAURS-DAY 5**

And God said, "Let the waters abound in small moving aquatic animals with the breath of life and let birds fly over the earth on the edge of the expanse of heaven." And God created (separately) great sea creatures and everything alive of the amphibians (Hebrew RAMASH) and creeping things which abound in the waters after their kind and all the birds that fly after their kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters of the sea and let birds multiply in the earth". And there was evening and morning; the fifth day. *On the fifth day life with "consciousness" -living fish and birds and*

*creeping things and large amphibian reptiles appeared. These TANNIM qualify as the dinosaurs of antiquity whose remains and footprints are still being discovered. The freedom of movement within their medium and freedom to reproduce that God gave is akin to that given to man. All of these creatures reproduced after their kind or in accordance with given genetic DNA molecules.*

## **DAY SIX ANIMALS & MAN 1.24-2.3**

### **(a) FIRST ANIMALS**

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind-large animals (*Hebrew BEHEMATH*) and small creeping animals (*Hebrew RAMASH*) after their kind and wild animals of the earth and it was so. And God made (*Hebrew hASHAH "to make to offer or sacrifice"*) wild animals after their kind and livestock animals after their kind and all creeping things of the soil after their kind and God saw that it was good. *The variety of creature was related to cultivation and habitat and fructification and aeration and good use of the earth. Wild beasts and tame and small creeping things constitute three types of animal that God made. The three categories as Morris observes are relative to man unlike the naturalist classification amphibian reptile mammal and insect. The first includes numerous animals man can domesticate and the second includes animals of the wild and indeed dinosaurs whilst the third includes smaller creatures which perform useful functions in the ground. There is no "evolutionary struggle" quite the contrary-God observed of the whole tranche that "it was good".*

### **(b) THE FIRST MAN & WOMAN**

And God said, "Let us make man" *Here is the triune God in counsel. There were eternal councils prior to this of which we read in 1Peter1.20 2Timothy1.9 and Revelation17.8 but only after preparing a beautiful environment did God determine to put into effect the most costly plan He could possibly unfold-the creation of man whose capacity for the obscure and oncoming "fall" would inevitably call for redemption.*

*"in our own image(Hebrew TZALAL meaning "like in form" but different in substance as is shadow to figure and also "obscure" so that man would possess the capacity to think private and diffuse thoughts-i. e. be highly intelligent) and in our likeness (Hebrew RAMOTHENU meaning "standing erect" "possessing dignity of deportment" and subdue (Hebrew RADAH meaning ""have under the feet" or "walk by the side of") all the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and the beasts of the field and the earth itself and all creeping things that creep on the earth." And God created man in His own image-in His triune image He created man, male and female He created them. No reference is here made in detail to the manner of creation which mirrors the trinity insofar as 1.Man had divine form 2.man was given breath or Spirit and 3. Woman was made from Adam's rib. This detail we will presently find in Chapter 2 And God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and subdue it (as a hostile adversary) and rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens and over all creatures that move on the ground. And God said, "Behold I have given you all reproductive green herbs or vegetables which are upon earth and every tree that has fruit and bears seed for you to eat." God was especially excited to introduce man to his food. He had both vegetables and fruit in prime condition for consumption and also ready to seed or plant for a second crop. This was a joyous moment. The man and his wife would be able immediately to sample the food which the Lord showed them. "And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of heaven and all that creeps on the earth in which is the breath of life I have given every green herb that may be eaten"-and it was so. *The equal joy of God to see the animals and birds and fish relish what He supplied is to be understood. God saw everything that He had made and Look! It was very good!! And there was evening and there was morning-the sixth day.**

## **DAY SEVEN-REST: FIRST MAN: THE FIRST REST AND WORSHIP**

The heavens and the earth were complete and their entire host. God had completed in the house of the seventh day all the work which He made and God rested on the seventh day from all the work which He had done. And God blessed the seventh day and set it apart for in it He rested from all the work which He had created to offer (*man and His creatures*) *I have taken the second meaning of the Hebrew ASHAH to emphasize that God had done all of this to "offer" it to man-to give it away-it was to be man's world. God had other dimensions in the heavens but all of this special creation in which the fruitful earth sits central was gifted to man. In the bible we read, "If he should gain the whole world and lose his soul what is man profited" We also read that Satan offered the future world to Jesus in a trade of for immediate submission. All this does not vary the fact that originally man before the fall was granted dominion over all he surveyed.*

These are the origins or families of the heavens and the earth (*the history from earth's creation and the stretching out of heaven, from stars to birds and fish to plants*) in the day when they were created or new when Yahweh the Strong God made earth and heaven and any shrub of the field was cut off and any green herb was cut off

1. *Moses is telling us there was no rain in those days but streams and fountains watered the earth from day 2-3 to 5. Plants were there but none had been cut to provide food for man but vapour came up from the earth and watered all the ground.*
2. *Moses tells us man was formed from red earth dust and "inbreathed" by the Spirit of lives. Man was like John the Baptist filled with the Spirit of God and man became a living soul*
3. *The LORD God set up a garden **from the east** in Eden (place of pleasantness and relaxation) This beautiful area may be related to the "fertile crescent" which stretches from Mesopotamia to Israel and on to Egypt. There God placed man.*
4. *A great variety of ornamental trees and fruit trees were there-and in the midst of the garden the tree of lives and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*
5. *From Eden flowed a river dividing in four. The first tributary was PISHON-encircling HAVILAH Africa has first claim as a gold producer. Samaritan Torah interprets as the Nile. The land produced gold pearls and onyx. (cf Exodus 28 15-21) The second tributary circles the land of CUSH which is Ethiopia-clearly a river which ran west of the Nile. The third river, HAVILAH, went east towards ASSHUR and the fourth was PARATH or Euphrates which since Moses' time ceased to be a tributary and rises in Armenia. My view on the PISHON is supported by the fact that the only reference to the east links to the HAVILAH. All four rivers began in Eden. The ancient geography Moses set out is now lost to us. Henry Morris' gave a credible explanation of the rivers. Water from the sea area descends to a constant heat source under the surface which pressurises it upwards. This land based hydrology linked with subterranean pools was replaced, Morris says, by the present atmospheric movement of water linked with mountain snow melt and gravitational water distribution.*
6. *The LORD put man in Eden and said he could eat of the trees as he desired but of the tree of "the personal experience of good and evil he could not eat"-if he did the process of death would begin in his life.*
7. *God said it was not good that man should be alone-so he determined the wonderful surprise of a helper "who would be in his presence"*
8. *The LORD God formed animals & birds from the ground and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them-The high intelligence of man can be adduced from the fact that no second thought was needed.*

**READING No.3 Genesis 2.20-3.21**  
**FIRST OPERATION AND FIRST MARRIAGE**

20 The procedural order of naming the creatures was-domestic animals and great animals first, next birds and then what we would call wild animals. Adam “called out” the names “belonging to each”. The expression suggests a bond as well as a name. The task would take a number of hours and involve several thousand creatures. Despite the time Adam could spend in the garden and in company with the animals there was no helper who would be “very like” or “constantly in his presence” (Hebrew

NEGED) 21 In the divine operation that follows the LORD God caused Adam to sleep and become total inert. Then as Adam began to sleep He took one of his ribs and closed the flesh mark. 22 And the LORD built the rib into a woman and brought her to the man. Adam has scarce awakened until God who executed his building elsewhere brought Eve to Adam. We ought to observe that woman’s first companion was the LORD Himself. To this day women especially & instinctively are conscious of the value of prayer. ... 23 A beautiful example of how Adam named the creatures is seen in his one act of naming Woman. He said, “This tread” or “footstep”(Hebrew PhAAM) is bone from my bone and flesh from my flesh and she will call herself “woman” for she was taken out of man” The word “forward step” seems to be lost in translation; I believe the import is that man not only spoke but showed his affection-perhaps embracing the woman. This is the first time we have the recorded language of man-and man has by now a name for himself-which is probably God’s favourite name for Adam-as “one of valour” “noble” akin to Jesus’ customary greeting, “be of good courage”. So woman deserved that good name because she was taken by God from his ISH she would be ISHAH. The sound of the two words in Hebrew makes plausible the possibility that man first spoke in a language with a sound system exactly like Hebrew that endured until the Babel division of language would render one of many tongues.24 Man’s courage and nobility is seen in his leaving his parents to be damasked or welded (Hebrew DABAQ) to his wife for life. This unity in flesh is marriage and Adam was now married-a “noble” estate which lasted for hundreds of years through all the failure of the future and all the joys as well.25 Adam and his wife were not ashamed of their physical union or nakedness because they were innocent and had not known the disobedience of sin. ...3.1 **The naked impudence or sheer craft** of the “shining one” or old “serpent” (Rev 12.9& Genesis3.1) is annotated here.

SO IN SIX DAYS TO QUOTE MOSES THE LORD GOD MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH BY HIS MIGHTY ARM(GENESIS2.2, EXODUS 20.11 WITH DEUTERONOMY 5.15.

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