LESSON TWO

HOW ALL THINGS BEGAN

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

- I. "In the beginning GOD created the HEAVEN and the EARTH." Genesis 1:1
 - **A.** The earth was without form and void. -v.2
 - **B.** Darkness was upon the face of the deep –v.2
 - C. The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. -v.2
 - D. God said, "LET THERE BE LIGHT." V.3
 - 1. There was light.
 - 2. God saw the light that it was good. -v.4
 - **E.** God divided the light from the darkness -v.4
 - **F.** God called the light, day. -v.5
 - **G.** God called the darkness, Night. -v.5
 - **H.** The evening and the morning were the FIRST DAY. -v.5
- **II.** God said, "Let there be a **FIRMAMENT** in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters" v.6
 - **A.** And God made the firmament.
 - **B.** The firmament divided the waters which were under it from the waters which were above it. -v.7

NOTE: This "firmament" is what we generally call "sky."

- C. God called the firmament Heaven v.8
- **D.** The evening and the morning were **the SECOND DAY**. -v.8
- III. And God said, 'Let the waters under the heaven BE GATHERED TOGETHER UNTO

ONE PLACE and let the DRY LAND appear." – v.9

NOTE: Consider how powerful the word of God is. In each item of creation, God merely spoke – and it was so!

- **A.** God called the dry land Earth. -v.10
- **B.** The gathering together of the waters called the Seas -v.10
- **C.** God saw that it was good.
- **D.** God said, "Let the earth bring forth:
 - 1. GRASS
 - 2. HERB yielding seed
 - 3. FRUIT TREE
 - **a.** Yielding fruit after his kind.
 - **b.** Whose seed is in it-self.

- **E.** It was so. (v.11) the earth brought forth
 - 1. Grass
 - **2.** Herb yielding seed
 - **3.** Tree yielding fruit
- **F.** God saw that it was good. -v.12
- **G.** The evening and the morning were the **THIRD DAY.** -v.13
- IV. God said, "Let there by LIGHTS in the FIRMAMENT OF THE HEAVEN to divide the day from the night. And let them be for SIGNS, and for SEASONS, and for DAYS, and YEARS: and let them be for LIGHTS in the firmament of the heaven TO GIVE LIGHT UPON THE EARTH." And it was so. v.14-15
 - **A.** God made two great lights:
 - 1. The greater light to rule the day. -v.16
 - 2. The lesser light to rule the night. -v.16
 - **B.** He made the stars also.
 - C. God set them in the firmament of the heaven. -v.17
 - **1.** To give light upon the earth.
 - 2. To rule over the day and night. v.18
 - **3.** To divide the light from the darkness. V.18
 - **D.** God saw that it was good.
 - **E.** The evening and the morning were **the FOURTH DAY**. -v.19
- V. God said, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven." -v.20
 - A. God created great whales and every living thing that moves, i.e. in water -v.21
 - **B.** The waters brought forth abundantly after their kind. -v.21
 - C. Every winged fowl brought forth after his kind -v.21
 - **D.** God saw that it was good. -v.21
 - E. God blessed them, saying, "BE FRUITFUL, and MULTIPLY, and FILL THE WATERS IN THE SEAS, and LET THE FOWL MULTIPLY IN THE EARTH."
 - **F.** The evening and the morning were **the FIFTH DAY**.
- VI. God said, "Let the **EARTH** bring forth **LIVING CREATURE** after his kind, **CATTLE**, and **CREEPING THING**, and **BEASTS** of the earth after his kind." and it was so. v.24
 - **A.** God made
 - 1. The beast of the earth after his kind. -v.25
 - 2. Cattle after their kind.
 - 3. Everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind.
 - **B.** God saw that it was good.
 - **C.** God said, "Let us make **MAN** in our image, after our likeness: and let them have **DOMINION** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." v.26
 - 1. God created man in his own image. -v.27

- **a.** In the image of God created he him.
- **b.** Male and female created he them.
- 2. God blessed them and said unto them
 - a. BE FRUITFUL and MULTIPLY
 - **b. REPLENISH THE EARTH** and **SUBDUE** it.
 - c. HAVE DOMINION -
 - Over the fish of the sea.
 - Over the fowl of the air.
 - Over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
- **3.** God said, "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein is life. I have given every green herb for meat." and it was so. v.29-30
- **D.** God saw everything that he hath made, and, behold, it was very good. -v.31
- **E.** The evening and the morning were **the SIXTH DAY**.
- VII. Thus were the heavens and the earth finished, and all the host of them. Genesis 2:1
 - **A.** On the **SEVENTH DAY** God ended his work, which he had made. v.2
 - B. GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY.
 - **C.** God **BLESSED** the **SEVENTH DAY**, and **SANCTIFIED** it because that in it he had rested from all his work. v.3

NOTE: This completes Lesson Two. Please study carefully then answer the list of questions concerning the lesson.

NAME: _____ **QUESTIONS ON LESSON TWO:** 1. Name three theories, advanced by man as to how things began: i) ii) iii) 2. Does the Bible theorize as to how things began? 3. From Genesis 1:1 name the method or means by which God brought the heaven and the earth into existence: 4. Describe the condition of the earth when God first created it: 5. Out of darkness, originally upon the earth, how did light come? 6. List what God created on the first day: 7. What did God create on the second day? 8. By what power did God create all things? 9. List what God created on the third day: 10. What did God call the dry land?

11.	What did He call the gathering together of the waters?
12.	List what God created on the fourth day:
13.	List five reasons God gave for creating the sun, moon and stars: (Genesis 1:14-15)
14.	List what God created on the fifth day:
15.	In blessing the moving, living water creatures and the flying fowls, what did God command them?
16.	List what God created on the sixth day:
17.	What day was man created?
18.	In whose image did God created man?
	Fill up the blanks: God said, "Let make in after our likeness; and let them have over the
20.	fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." List four things God did on the seventh day: