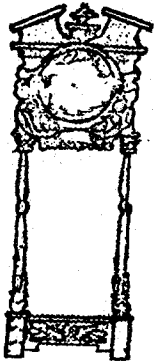


CHAPTER 3

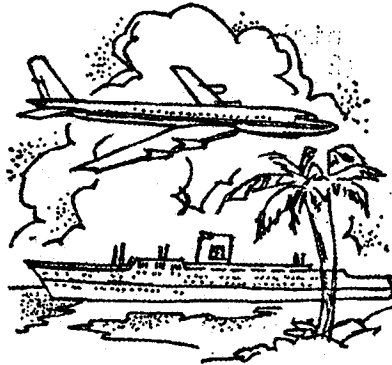
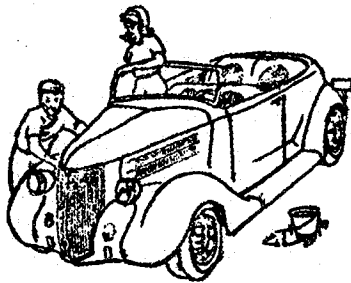
Understanding Creation

How can I learn about CREATION? How were the heavens and the earth (the UNIVERSE) brought into existence? How was the whale created? The eagle? The alligator? The shark? The giraffe? The praying mantis? The elephant? The baboon? The skunk? The porcupine? The dolphin? How was the redwood tree made (often 300 feet tall, which is the length of a football field)? How were the mountains formed? How was **man** created? Did man evolve from ape-like creatures? What did the first men look like? Did they look like apes? Were they intelligent?

How can I answer these questions? How can I understand creation?



How can I understand how a clock is made? I can go to a clock maker and **see** a clock being made! I can watch the different springs and gears and wheels being put together by the skilled clock maker. I know how that clock was made because **I WAS THERE!** I saw it happen!



How is a car made? an airplane? an ocean ship? I can visit the places where these are being built and **see** how they are made! I can **watch** them as they are built in factories and in shipyards by intelligent men!

How does your mother make a CAKE? To see how it is done you simply need to **OBSERVE** the cake-making process! **Watch** her do it! *See for yourself*, and before long you will be able to make a cake yourself!



How is a church building constructed? To find out all you need to do is **look and see!** You can **watch** the workmen as they break the ground and lay the foundation and erect the actual building.

So I can **easily** learn how clocks, cars, airplanes, ships, cakes and buildings are made because 1) They are being made **today** 2) I can **watch** them being made.

But when I try to learn about the creation of the sun, moon, stars, plants and animals, it is not so easy! I have two great problems:

- 1) Nothing is being created today!**
- 2) I cannot observe creation because I was not there!**

1) Nothing Is Being Created Today!

Creation took place thousands of years ago! We can read about God's work of creation in two chapters in the book of Genesis: Genesis chapters ____ and _____. How long did God take to make the heavens and the earth and everything that is in them (Exodus 20:11; see also Genesis 1:31)? _____ After this time "the _____ and the _____ were _____" (Genesis 2:1). God has FINISHED His work of creation!

Today we cannot see things **being created**; we can only see things that have already **been created**. We can see **GOD'S CREATION** (Psalm 19:1) but we cannot see **GOD CREATING**. We can see **the things that are made** (Romans 1:20) but we cannot see **things being made**. We can see the **CREATOR'S WORKS** (Psalm 8:3,6) but we cannot see the **CREATOR WORKING**, because God has E_____ His _____ which He had made (Genesis 2:2) and because God has R_____ from all His _____ (Genesis 2:3). We can see the finished **PRODUCT** but we cannot see the creative **PROCESS** which brought it into existence. This is like seeing a finished **CLOCK (product)** without being able to see how the clock was **MADE (process)**. I can go to a zoo and see a kangaroo, but I will never see a kangaroo being made!

I can watch kittens being born, but I will never see kittens being made! I can observe the **expiration** (death) of a mouse suddenly caught in a mousetrap, but I can never watch the **creation** of a mouse! It is possible to see a baby being **born** but it is impossible to see a person being **created** because this happened only once many thousands of years ago (Matthew 19:4).

There are three methods that God uses to bring a person into the world. Two of these are **UNIQUE** methods--they happened only once and will never happen again. One of these is a **COMMON** method--this is the way **YOU** came into the world! Here are God's three methods:

- 1) **CREATION** (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7,21-22)–Adam & Eve (**UNIQUE**)
- 2) **PROCREATION** (Genesis 5:3-32)–you & me (**COMMON**)

Procreation is God bringing children into the world through parents by natural birth. This is how you came into the world.

- 3) **INCARNATION** (Luke 1:31-37)–the Lord Jesus Christ (**UNIQUE**)

Incarnation (GOD IN FLESH-John 1:14; 1 Tim. 3:16) is God bringing His Son into the world through the virgin Mary by supernatural birth. This is how our Saviour came into the world.

Today it is possible to see people **born** by procreation but it is impossible to see people **made** by creation! Adam and Eve were created directly by God.

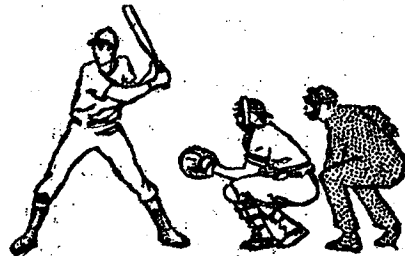
2) I Cannot Observe Creation

Several thousand years ago (about the time of Abraham), God asked JOB a very interesting question: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare [tell Me], if thou hast understanding" (Job 38:4). If God were to ask YOU this same question how would you answer?

To **observe** a clock being made, you must BE THERE. You must **see** and **witness** the clock maker at work! To **observe** creation, you must BE THERE. You must see and **witness** the Creator at work! Is this possible? _____

How can I learn about creation if I was not able to BE THERE when creation took place?

How can I learn who won the ball game if I was not able to BE THERE when the game was played? I must go to someone who WAS THERE, someone who SAW the game, someone who will tell me the TRUTH about what really took place on that ball field!



Likewise, if you really want to understand CREATION you must go to someone who was there. You must go to someone who SAW the creation of the universe, someone who was a WITNESS of all that happened during those six days and someone who will tell you the TRUTH about what really took place at that time. Thus, to learn about CREATION you must go to:

(circle the correct answer)

- a. a scientist
- b. Charles Darwin (1809-1882)--the father of the theory of evolution
- c. your science teacher or biology teacher
- d. your pastor
- e. the One Person who WAS THERE (Genesis 1:1)

Thus, the only way to learn about Creation is to go to the CREATOR and LISTEN TO HIM, and HEAR WHAT HE SAYS about creation. When a person really LISTENS to what the CREATOR says, and when that person really BELIEVES what the CREATOR says, then this is called FAITH:



Through **faith** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

HEBREWS 11:3

...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.
Romans 10:17

It is only BY FAITH that the CREATURE (man) can learn how the CREATOR CREATED!

This is not a **blind** faith (a foolish leap into the dark) but it is a **living** faith in a living and intelligent CREATOR (a wonderful leap into the light).

Those who **do not** listen to the CREATOR are called

evolutionists. The evolutionists also operate BY FAITH. However, their faith is not in the Creator, but **IN THEMSELVES** (they think that they know more than the Creator). Instead of Hebrews 11:3, the evolutionists would say something like this:

By faith we understand that the worlds were **not** framed by the word of an almighty Creator, but they came about through **natural** (not supernatural) processes through **millions of years** (the god of the evolutionists needs lots of time), so that the plants and animals which are seen have been made from lifeless chemicals which evolved into simple one-celled

organisms which evolved into more and more **complex** organisms (including whales, birds, reptiles, mammals, etc.) from which evolved certain ape-like creatures who after countless thousands of years finally evolved into men!! And through faith we believe that all this happened not by God, but by **chance** (by accidents of nature!).

If you want to believe this you can! But the **Creationist** (the person who believes in Creation) is not ashamed to put his **faith** in the **CREATOR**!

MY FAITH IS IN A CREATOR WHO IS:

OMNIPRESENT--When the heavens and the earth were created, HE WAS THERE (Genesis 1:1). Job was not there (Job 38:4)! The evolutionist was not there! The Creationist was not there! But God was! He was personally **PRESENT** to **WITNESS** all that took place. The Creator has been around longer than I have!

OMNISCIENT--God knows all! He has all the answers! When it comes to understanding creation, He is the **EXPERT**! The Creator knows more than I do! He is more intelligent than the most intelligent scientist the world has ever known! In fact, a **wise** scientist will realize that God knows more than he does!

OMNIPOTENT--The Creator is all-powerful! If your friend told you that he just jumped over a tall building, I am sure that you would not believe him! He does not have the power to do it! But if God tells you that all things were made by the word of the Lord (Psalm 33:6-9), then you can easily believe Him, because He has the power to do it! Consider the creation of man (Genesis 1:26-27): The evolutionist says that it took his god (the god of chance) 4,000,000,000 years (4 billion) to make man! Our God is an almighty God! It took Him one day!

FAITHFUL--You can always count on the Creator! He never lies (Tit. 1:2). He is never wrong! Scientists are often wrong. Scientists once believed that the earth was flat! They once believed that the earth was the center of the solar system! Even today science books need to be constantly changed and updated. The Creator's Book never needs to be changed and it is always up-to-date! The Creator always speaks the truth! He never tries to fool us or deceive us! We can always trust His Word. Jesus Christ is not a deceiver! And Jesus Christ is not an evolutionist (Matthew 19:4). In fact, Jesus Christ is the **CREATOR** (Colossians 1:16)!!



It is sad, but true, that most scientists are evolutionists (they **believe** in evolution). Only a comparatively **few** number of scientists are creationists (they **believe** in creation), but it is also true that:

1. Most scientists are unsaved (Matthew 7:13-14).
2. Most scientists are blinded by Satan who is a liar and who does not want men to know the truth about the Creator (2 Cor. 4:4).
3. Most scientists do not understand the Bible because they do not have the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:14; Jude 18-19).
4. Most scientists place doubt on God's Word, even as Satan did in Genesis 3:1: "HATH GOD SAID?" The Creationist says, "THE MOUTH OF THE LORD HATH SPOKEN IT" (Isaiah 40:5).

Question: WHO WILL YOU LISTEN TO? WILL YOU LISTEN TO THE CREATOR or WILL YOU LISTEN TO "MOST SCIENTISTS"?

"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased:
H _____ Y _____ H _____"

(Matthew 17:5)

Review of Chapter 3

Please answer TRUE or FALSE:

1. _____ I can witness a clock being made.
2. _____ I can witness a chicken being made.
3. _____ I can witness a chicken being born (hatched!).
4. _____ I can witness a person being created.
5. _____ I can witness a virgin birth (a baby being born without any human father).
6. _____ I can witness a baby being born (or I can see the baby soon after birth).
7. _____ God continues to do the work of creation even today!
8. _____ Job watched God as He created the great whales.
9. _____ Everything was created in seven days.
10. _____ It is impossible to learn about creation.
11. _____ Charles Darwin was a creationist.
12. _____ Faith is listening to the Creator and believing what He says.

13. _____ The theory of evolution is based on facts and not faith.
 14. _____ To believe in Creation is to take a leap into the dark (Blind Faith)
 15. _____ The scientist knows more than the Creator.
 16. _____ A wise scientist will realize how ignorant he really is.
 17. _____ People once believed the world was flat.
 18. _____ The Bible teaches that the world is flat.
 19. _____ The Bible needs to be rewritten.
 20. _____ The Bible needs to be translated so that people can read it in their own language.
 21. _____ The sun is the center of the solar system.
 22. _____ The Son of God should be the center of our lives (Col.1:18).
 23. _____ Jesus Christ is a creationist.
 24. _____ Most scientists believe the Bible.
 25. _____ Most scientists listen to the Creator.
 - _____ I AM A CREATIONIST!!!!
-

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

The key to understanding creation is to simply take God at His Word. “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth” (Psalm 33:6).

If we ignore or reject what the Creator has said about the origin of all things, then how can we expect to understand? If we reject the truth, we are left with nothing but error.

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

Hebrews 11:3

"In the beginning GOD created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1:1

"In the beginning was the WORD, ---and the Word was GOD. --- All things were made by Him; and with-

out Him was not any thing made that was made."

John 1:1,3.

"He made the stars also." Gen. 1:16



FAITH

FAITH'S ANSWER
AND THERE IS NO OTHER

*Where did I come from? Why Am I here?
Where am I going?*

*Only the Bible can give safe and solid,
real and right answers to these questions.*