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THE STORY OF CREATION.

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In this Lesson we have reached the place at which we begin to dig into some of the mysteries of this marvelous universe of ours. You will observe as we go along how the things which have puzzled the religious leaders for years, assume a marvelous simplicity when understood. There is always a key to every so called mystery, and usually the key lies in plain sight and can be seen by those who are intent on finding it. It is often so clearly to be seen that those searching for it, obsessed by the idea that there is no key in plain sight, fail to see it. They are so imbued with the idea that the great mysteries of God are unfathomable, that they utterly fail to grasp the answer, even when it is given to them in plain unmistakable language. Such has been the case in the story of the creation of this world, and indeed of the entire universe. It is not necessary for me to use the Bible in giving you the facts of creation, but as this course of study deals with the Living God, and as the Bible is the only one of the old books dealing exclusively with the subject of God, I have chosen to use it. It will also make it a little easier to understand.

I consider the facts of creation as told in the Bible to be authentic in their entirety. At no place does science clash with the scriptures. On the contrary they dovetail into each other perfectly when understood. Of course, science cannot possibly dovetail into the three thousand or more different sects, religions, and denominations and what not that we have with us today. It would be wonderful if it could. So would the Bible be a wonderful book if it could also. But neither science nor the Bible can do the impossible, and were there a God who could meet all of these various requirements, then I am afraid that such a God could not, and would not command much interest from me. There is no such a God as that however, and God as He is does not operate in accordance with these three thousand different aspects of himself.

Running hand in hand however, and side by side, we find science and the BIBLE as taught by the Galilean Carpenter TO BE ONE AND THE SAME THING. There are, of course, details which have not been fully explained, but in all vital facts SCIENCE DOES NOT DISPROVE THE BIBLE AT ALL. On the other hand, it corroborates it. Were there ever to be a clash between science and the Bible, then the Bible would have to take second place, as science deals with the facts of God's creation as they are known to exist, while the Bible is only a story of things that were supposed to have happened, and was written by human beings, just like you and me. Moses we are told wrote the story of creation as it is given in Genesis, and he wrote in the phraseology of his time. Were Moses here and writing the story today, he would tell the facts as he understood them in a far different manner. He lived, or was supposed to have lived, about six thousand years ago, while this world is known to be in the neighborhood of from fifty to one hundred million years old. I am given to understand that there is in existence a radio-active time clock which places the age of this earth at about one hundred and thirty-five million years. Moses certainly was not here THEN.

But it seems to me that I hear several good old orthodox Christian folk say to me yes, that may be all true Dr. Robinson, but Moses had a revelation from God which revelation told him all the facts connected with creation did he not? Of course he did. Exactly the same revelation that John Greenleaf Whittier had when he penned the following beautiful lines:

"I know not where His islands reach, their fronded palms in air.
I only know I cannot drift beyond His love and care."

He had the same sort of a revelation that Cardinal Newman had when he wrote his beautiful hymn, the hymn that will last as long as time endures. And it was on account of such revelation that the hymn has lived so long.

"Lead kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on. The night is dark and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on. Keep Thou my feet I do not ask to see
The distant scene, one step enough for me."

He had the same sort of revelation that gives me the power to sit at my typewriter and give this message to the world. And at this point let me say to you that every single soul who reaches the place where he or she is in tune with the LIVING GOD will also have revelations. Not perhaps in the sense that some of our good orthodox friends understand them, but revelations from God just the same. I could ask no greater revelation from God than to have written those words of Cardinal Newman, LEAD KINDLY LIGHT. That man could not possibly have written such verses were he not in vital living contact with the Living Creator. Neither could Moses have written his story of creation unless he also were in the same vital living touch. And with the same Living God. I want you to realize at this point that the great LIFE SPIRIT, whom we are here endeavoring to find contact, NEVER CHANGES. It is for this reason that I spoke of this mighty Spirit as a LAW. It cannot change, and therefore, YOU ARE AS ABLE TO KNOW HIM AS WAS MOSES, or Cardinal Newman, or Whittier, or any other of the thousands on history's scroll who must have known Him or they could never have given to the world the truths they did give. NEVER FORGET THAT.

No man has seen God at any time the Scriptures inform us, nor could he indeed, so whatever revelations Moses or anyone else have ever had, have been received thru the very same channels through which you and I may receive whatever revelations or inspirations we may get. Were I to go to the leaders of our great religious denominations, and which denominations by the way exist for the express purpose of teaching the truths about God, and were I to say to those religious leaders, Sirs, I want you to tell me how God made the earth, I wonder what sort of an answer I should get. I should, in all probability be told that they did not know. I should in all probability be told that no one else knew either, and that it was not given man to know just how the created universe came to be. I might also be told that the Scriptures were silent on the point, giving us no information at all. Ever since our present systems of religion sprung into existence, we have been taught that it was a mystery just how God did this. But wait a minute. If ever a story were plainly told in any book, the story of creation is plainly told in the Bible. Why it should be considered such a mystery is more than I can fathom.

Read and reread a million times by ministers throughout the entire globe, the story seems clothed in impenetrable mystery to this day and the plain simple truth of it all seems to have been missed in its entirety. Here we find the key of which I spoke lying on top of the puzzle, and if Brother Moses could have put it any plainer, then I do not see how he could have done it. LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY. It's so wonderfully simple, and yet so wonderfully profound. The first two verses in the Bible tell the story of the creation as it actually happened. Now listen while I unfold it to you. Genesis 1.1 reads, in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Here we have a very plain and definite statement to the effect that God, and we will not concern ourselves here with what God is, did a certain act. He performed a certain work. The statement is in the past tense and speaks of the deed as having been actually accomplished. IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. There can be no question as to what that means, can there? A certain person or power or something or other, HAD DONE A CERTAIN DEED. It was FINISHED. It had BEEN DONE. This power, had ALREADY created the heavens and the earth. Nothing so very hard to understand about that, is there?

In this sense the statement is no harder to understand than if I told you that my little son Alfred made a house out of toy blocks today. It just simply signifies that something HAD BEEN DONE. And this statement of Mr. Moses just simply signifies that something HAD BEEN done. It was finished. The heavens and the earth had been created. I believe you will see this, and I want very much for you to grasp it. If you have not grasped it, read it again. It is very important. Now watch the next statement, and mark well here that we have no way of knowing just how long a time elapsed between the first statement, and this second one. Furthermore, it makes no difference whether it was one second, or ONE MILLION YEARS. The fact as stated stands. The heavens and the earth had been created. Past tense. Now, listen to the next statement AND THE EARTH WAS WITHOUT FORM AND VOID. Now I ask you as a man or woman of common sense, what sort of a being would you be, if you had been already created and yet WERE WITHOUT FORM AND VOID. Answer that, and you have the answer to the question as to how God made the earth.

If you and I, created beings, were without form, and void, certainly we would not be visible beings would we? You certainly cannot see anything that has no form, and if the creation was without form and void, then it could not have been a visible creation, could it? And if it were not a visible creation, THEN WHAT SORT OF A CREATION WAS IT? My friend and student, there is only one kind of a creation it possibly could have been if the story as given to us by Moses is correct. And that is, A SPIRITUAL OR INVISIBLE CREATION. This fact is entirely foreign to the views that have been held for so long by the exponents of the Christian religion, but it is the story of the first creation just the same, and told exactly as their Bible tells it. The actual manifestation of this invisible or spiritual creation did not take place for a long time after the original first creation was an accomplished fact. If you read a little further into the Genesis account of it, you will find that it was at a later date that the herbs, trees, etc. were called into being. You will also note that an entirely different method was used by God in manifesting physically what He had already created spiritually. Now mark me well, the point I am trying to make here is that the creation of the earth and the actual manifestation of it were two entirely separate and different creations, each requiring a different method of operation on the part of the Living God.

Some good Christian folks tell us that the entire creation required six days of twenty-four hours each. Others would have us believe that one day was one thousand years and that consequently the entire operation occupied about six thousand years to accomplish. Science however, entirely disproves that statement, and again I repeat that where science and the Bible clash, the Bible must take second place as science deals only with the FACTS AS THEY ARE KNOWN TO EXIST. This is as far as I shall take you now along this line. Read the Lesson every day. In the evening if you can, until you begin to grasp the significance of it all. Be very quiet as you read and think about these mighty truths. REMEMBER, the Living God works in the quietness, and if you desire to find Him, you will have to quiet your consciousness. The reason for this will appear later. At this point let me say to you, by way of preparing you for what is coming later on that there is now a SOMETHING between you and the actual manifestation of the Living God and all his powers. That SOMETHING will be shown to you later, but I want to convey to you at this point that if it were not for the consciousness that you have of anything and everything, YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO PERCEIVE THIS MIGHTY, POWERFUL, IMMUTABLE, UNCHANGING, DYNAMIC LIVING GOD, THIS LIFE SPIRIT AS IT ACTUALLY EXISTS.

Right here may I ask you to remember once more that the Power of the mighty LIFE SPIRIT, or Living God is made manifest almost invariably in the stillness. So please keep quiet while you are studying with me. Put all thoughts of work or business or anything else completely out of your mind. You can do this if you want to. Stay quiet for an hour if you can, thinking of nothing but the facts you are here learning. I assure you it will pay you many times over. Read the first and second Lessons over again, and change your affirmation of truth to the following I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD. Don't forget to be quiet and sort of sink into

yourself, and then, very slowly, continually repeat this sentence, twenty or thirty times, or more if you want to. When you tire of saying this, jump suddenly to your feet and say the same sentence out loud. Throughout the day it will materially benefit you if you mentally repeat the same sentence as often as you can. The oftener you repeat it, the more thoroughly will the work be done. Do not question it now, for I know positively what I am about, and as I stated before, HAVE BEEN OVER EVERY STEP OF THE WAY BEFORE YOU. So I know the road. There is a reason for these exercises and you MUST do them. The subject is too profound for me to attempt to explain it all in the first Lesson or two. That cannot be done. So follow me carefully, step by step, trusting me fully, and the little twinkling of light you are beginning to see will finally broaden out into the full and mighty consciousness of WHO and WHAT YOU REALLY ARE. And when that consciousness dawns upon your life, and permeates your whole being, you will be a changed person if you desire to be, for you will then know how to intelligently talk to the Living God. And no one can talk personally to that mighty Life Spirit without being a changed person.