



Deep Magic

Song of the Supernatural

Part 1

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Introduction

Magic. Just the sound of the word brings chills to the skin on my arms and the back of my neck. I remember seeing a magician as a young child. He was dressed in a black tuxedo, with a white shirt and bowtie, long white gloves and a tall black hat. He held a long black cane that had a silver handle and small white tip. The magician smiled, introduced himself, took off his hat, showed us the inside of his hat (it appeared to be empty), then pulled a live rabbit out of the hat. I was amazed.

I read all the books I could find about magic. I learned about Jean Eugene Robert-Houdin, Alexander Herrmann, Harry Houdini, Harry Blackstone, Cardini, Howard Thurston, The Amazing Kreskin, and many others; each one a master magician in his or her own right. Some, like the first magician I saw, were able to produce something from nothing. He took off his hat, turned it upside down, and even had a volunteer from the audience place their hand and arm inside the hat to see if they could feel anything. They didn't. So, where did the rabbit come from? Magic!

Magicians make things appear and disappear – now you see it, now you don't. They change things into other things – a red handkerchief into a white dove, a woman into a dog. A man in the audience gives the magician a watch. The magician smashes the watch into a dozen pieces. The man who owns the watch is visibly shaken, but the magician says not to worry.

He reaches behind the man's ear and produces the man's watch – perfect condition, personal initials and all. How did he do that? Magic!

Just parlor tricks? Slight of hand? What about the magician who makes a woman levitate and move about the room on his command? What about the magician who borrows an audience member's wedding ring, says some magical words, then produces a light bulb from her purse with the wedding ring inside. How did he do that? Magic!

I've been interested in magic for many years, but most of what I've seen were inventive "tricks" - slight of hand, misdirection, masterful illusion. But that is not what brought chills to my skin and caused the hairs on the back of my neck to stand up. That experience came from encounters with Deep Magic – the kind of magic you cannot see or hear, but magic that has power in the physical world. It is the magic of the supernatural – and it is real.

We are surrounded by this Deep Magic. It is everywhere. We cannot find a place to escape it. Deep Magic exists in every dimension we know and those we don't. This Magic is alive and always moving. It affects us every moment of our days and nights, even though we rarely catch a glimpse of it or hear a sound from it.

Can we see the Deep Magic of other dimensions? Can we hear sounds from it? Yes, we can. Many humans have experienced this Deep Magic and even participated in its many powers. I want you to see this Deep Magic

and hear the Song of the Supernatural. It will change your reality and take you into a world filled with adventure and excitement.

A word of warning- this book could have easily been tens of thousands of pages long. God's Magic is so expansive and well-documented that it would necessitate the writing of multiple volumes to be comprehensive in its coverage. So, for the purposes of writing an Ebook about the Deep Magic of God that a person could read in a relatively short period of time, I give you this brief introduction to what the Almighty has done. I pray you will find the study fascinating and enriching and that it may spur you on to further investigation into the Song of the Supernatural.

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The Song of the Supernatural

Listen. Do you hear the Song? It is a sweet harmony of ancient love. Listen closely. If you are very quiet and still, you can hear the beginning of the Song of the Supernatural. Before time. Before space. Before the basic elements of life. There was the Singer and the Song.

Close your eyes. Relax. Take a deep breath ... and exhale slowly. Don't rush this moment. Imagine a time before time. Nothing exists but the Singer and the Song. No sun. No moon. No stars. No people. No traffic. No cities. No oceans. No rivers. No forests. No birds. No animals. Nothing but the Song. What do you hear? What is the Song you hear?

It is the *Song of the Supernatural*. And the Sweet Singer of the Song - is God. How do we define God? How do we explain God? We cannot define or explain because we do not comprehend the Eternal Force that has always been. How does God define Himself? How does He explain Who He is? *"I AM WHO I AM."* It is not necessary for God to define or explain Himself to anyone. He is Who He is. God is. He answers to no one but Himself. He is responsible to no one but Himself.

Who is God and what is His Song? God is the Original Being. No other being existed before God. God is Eternal. He is from Everlasting to Everlasting. He has no beginning and no ending. God is the Ultimate Power. No other being possesses power that matches the Power of God. God is the Highest Energy. No other being possesses energy that matches

the Energy of God. God is the First and the Last. God is Life, Love and Hope. He is All Things. He is Supernatural.

God is One God in Three Persons. The Great One (Father). The True One (Son). The Holy One (Holy Spirit). They are Supernatural. They are One. God loves Himself with a Perfect Love. The Great One Loves the True One Who Loves the Holy One Who Loves the Great One. God is the Perfect Love Cycle.

God is Spirit. His Nature is Spiritual. He is Invisible. He can only be seen by Himself. He is Alive. God is Active. He is a Person. God Thinks, Feels and Knows. He is Self-Existence. He is the First Cause. *"I AM THAT I AM."* He is Immense. God has no boundaries – no limits. He is All-Powerful, All-Knowing, Everywhere Present at the Same Time, and Unchangeable. God knows Himself perfectly. Father, Son and Holy Spirit Know each Other perfectly.

What is the Song of the Supernatural? It is the Song sung by the Perfect God – His Song is Perfect. God is Holy – His Song is Holy. God is Righteous – His Song is Righteous. God is Just – His Song is Just. God is Good – His Song is Good. God is Love – His Song is Love. God is Gracious – His Song is Gracious. God is Merciful – His Song is Merciful. God is True – His Song is True. God is Peace – His Song is Peace. God is Joy – His Song is Joy. God is Beautiful – His Song is Beautiful. God is One – His Song is One.

We think of God in natural terms – those we can understand with our natural senses. However, God cannot be understood through natural means because God is Supernatural (force beyond scientific understanding or the laws of nature). His Nature is Higher than our nature. His Thoughts are Higher than our thoughts. His Song is Higher than our song. To know His Song, we must know the Author and Singer of the Song. We can only learn the Song of the Supernatural from the Supernatural One. He is the only Teacher of the Song.

God Alone has Immortality. He Dwells in Unapproachable Light. That is important to hearing and understanding His Song. The Song of the Supernatural has always been Sung. It is the Song of the very Nature of God Himself. The Song is Eternal – even as the Singer is Eternal.

Humans know music primarily by what they hear with their ears (people who cannot hear know something about music through their sense of feeling vibrations). There are limits to what we can hear. Hearing is affected by frequency, pitch, pressure, and distance. The ears of a healthy human baby can hear between 20 and 20,000 Hz (cycles per second). Many animals, fish, birds, and insects hear sounds (from 1 Hz to 100,000 Hz) that are lower or higher than human hearing. Depending on conditions, environment, and topography, humans can hear sounds from several miles away. Animals, birds, fish and other creatures can hear sounds from even farther distances. However, the Song of the Supernatural is not limited by frequency, pitch, pressure, or distance. The Song God Sings is from Everlasting to Everlasting. It is His Song and only He can Sing it.

Human beings know the singer of songs by what they hear and see. We don't need light to hear a song, but human eyes do need light to see the singer of a song. What we call "light" (also known as visible light) is the part of electromagnetic radiation that is visible to the human eye. Light allows us to see ourselves and our surrounding environment. Too much or too little light can keep us from seeing anything at all.

However, God Dwells in Unapproachable Light. The word "unapproachable" is the English translation of the Greek word *aprositon* – meaning "that which cannot be approached, inaccessible." God Dwells (*oikon* - inhabits as one's abode) in a Light that no one can approach or access. Is that Light at a point in the light spectrum that cannot be seen with the human eye or any machine known to man? Visible light is accessible by natural means. Scientific progress has also allowed us to learn about the electromagnetic spectrum we cannot see: from radio waves at the low end of the spectrum to gamma rays at the high end. Even higher frequencies are believed to exist as wave functions in the sphere of quantum energy. Or is God's Unapproachable Light beyond the physical light spectrum?

I believe God Dwells in a light spectrum that is off the charts – so to speak. It is where God Lives in Eternity. We know from the Bible and scientific exploration that the universe had a beginning, so what you and I know as light is attached to time. Unapproachable Light is Eternal, therefore beyond our universe (more on where God Dwells in the next chapter).

God Sings His Supernatural Song in that sphere of Unapproachable Light. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have Sung Their Song forever. It is a Song that embodies the complete Nature of God. It is a Sweet and Powerful Song that combines every Element of the Supernatural Being that is God. The Song of the Supernatural has no beginning and no end. It is Eternal and Beautiful.

The Song that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Sing to Each Other has always been in Perfect Harmony. Unity and Harmony are the Center and Purpose of the Song. Perfection is the Pitch. Truth is the Measure. The Song of the Supernatural is Parent to all songs that are noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy. They all come from the Eternal Voice of God.

We do not have the capacity as natural beings to fully comprehend anything about the Supernatural God – what His Voice sounds like, for instance. However, He has given us clues in His Revelation of Himself. His Voice is described as being like “the sound of many waters” (Ezekiel 43:2; Revelation 1:15 and 14:2). This is something most people can understand. We’ve heard the sound of waves lightly rolling up on a lake shore in the early morning. We also know the sound of waves crashing on the shore of an ocean during the fury of a powerful storm. We’ve heard the deafening sounds of a mighty waterfall and the torrent of rushing water from the rapids of a fast-moving river as it crashes against giant boulders, trees and the sides of a canyon.

God also describes His Voice as sounding like thunder (Job 37:5; 40:9) and being loud (Deuteronomy 5:2; Revelation 1:10; 14:2). I grew up in Florida near the Gulf of Mexico and remember the many sounds of thunder that moved from east to west and west to east, depending on the direction of the sea breeze. The sounds of thunder began as a soft, rumbling, far-away sound that grew in volume as it approached our small community. In less than an hour, the sound of thunder was on top of me as lightning strikes would explode just yards from our house. Even as I held my hands over my ears and feared that my life was about to end, the claps of thunder became less in number and farther apart. The storm was moving on. I was no longer in danger. That was more than 50 years ago, but I remember it as if it happened this afternoon. The brightness of the lightning strikes and the powerful sound of the thunder are a small insight into the Voice of God.

What does all of this tell us about the Song of the Supernatural? It is beyond description. It is higher than high, lower than low, bigger than big, brighter than bright, louder than loud, more beautiful than beautiful. If we could record every amazing sound on our planet, from those of the smallest cells in our body to the largest whales in the ocean, we would have only a small portion of the Song of the Supernatural. What God Sang to Himself in Eternity Past would certainly overwhelm all of our senses.

How does God's Song affect us today? Can we learn to sing it? If we did, what words would we say? What sounds would we make? If the idea of singing the Song of the Supernatural fascinates and excites you, read on.

Behold The Light

creation. Having been an atheist and arguing daily with Christians and Jews on my radio program almost 50 years ago, I understand why atheists and agnostics don't believe in God, and therefore don't believe in Creation. However, unbelievers are having a tough time sticking to their unbelief if they want to stay true to the ideals of "free thinking."

Freethought is a philosophy that a person should form their belief system on the basis of science, reason and logic. Freethinkers do not hold to any beliefs based on tradition or dogma – unless it's their own. The problem they're having is that science, reason and logic are falling more in line with theism than atheism these days. It was new information about scientific research that first caused me to question the validity of my disbelief 40 years ago, but the scientific support for Creationism and Intelligent Design is much greater now.

This is important to note here, because if atheists are right and there is no God, then there is no **Deep Magic** – no **Song of the Supernatural**. However, they are not right – they are wrong in their conclusions. There is a God – there is Deep Magic – and there is a Song of the Supernatural. God, in His Magnificent Genius, knew the day would come when the explorations of men would uncover the effects of His Deep Magic – most of the discoveries occurring within the past 100 years – and a great bulk of them in the last 30 years.

Scientists used to embrace the idea of a static universe that was eternal and never changing. That was before scientists like Albert Einstein, Arthur Eddington, Willem de Sitter, and Edwin Hubble made some of their many discoveries about the universe. Einstein developed his famous Theory of Special and General Relativity in the early 1900s. His calculations revealed a definite beginning to the universe – which meant a beginning to time, space, and matter. British cosmologist Arthur Eddington confirmed Einstein’s theory several years later. Dutch astronomer Willem de Sitter discovered that Einstein’s theory required the universe to be expanding, rather than static. American astronomer Edwin Hubble observed that expansion while viewing galaxies through a large telescope in the late 1920s. Einstein also looked through the same telescope and verified that the universe was expanding.

While the focus of this book is Deep Magic and the Supernatural - and not specifically the study of natural sciences - it is important to know that scientific discoveries from the last 100+ years point to what the Bible has stated clearly for thousands of years - the universe had a beginning.

The Cosmological Argument is important to understand in relation to the belief that universe had a beginning. The argument is that everything that had a beginning had a cause; the universe had a beginning, therefore the universe had a cause. The argument that everything that had a beginning had a cause is the Law of Causality – a foundational principle of science. Now that science has proof that the universe had a beginning, the Law of Causality makes it clear that the universe had a cause. That means there is

a First Cause outside of time, space and matter. I believe God is that First Cause.

Another important argument for us to understand about Creation is the Teleological Argument – also known as the Argument From Design. The Teleological Argument is based on the fact that every design has a designer, the universe has a complex design, therefore, the universe has a complex Designer.

If you're interested in learning more, you can research the following:

- The Cosmological Argument
- The Teleological Argument
- The Anthropic Principle
- The Law of Causality
- Einstein's Theory of Special and General Relativity
- The Laws of Thermodynamics
- The Hubble Law (Expanding Universe)
- Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation
- Great Galaxy Seeds (discoveries from NASA's COBE Mission)

I've also included a list of important scientific discovery books in Appendix A of this book, if you would like to read more.

As you study these scientific laws, principles, arguments and discoveries, remember that what makes these true is the Deep Magic of a Supernatural, Almighty God.

Creation of Heaven and Angels

God chose to share His Song with beings other than Himself. However, since there were no other beings in existence when God made His choice to share, He **Created** them. He took from the Brightness of His Own Supernatural Substance and made beings that shared in His Substance - they were also Supernatural. They were large and powerful - beautiful and bright. God gave them amazing voices to sing His Song. He shared Himself with those He made. God called them angels (*angelos* – a messenger).

First, God Created Heaven (*ouranos* – to lift, heave). It would be His Throne and home to His most beautiful creatures. Then, He Created the great **angelic host**. Angels are referred to in Scripture as “excelling in strength” and “mighty” (Psalm 103:20; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; 2 Peter 2:11; Revelation 10:1; 18:21) A single angel is described in Scripture as having the Supernatural Power to easily destroy great portions of our planet (Revelation 8). No magician on earth has ever been able to replicate the Deep Magic of Creation. Not even the most powerful angels can create more angels. Only God has Knowledge and Wisdom to Create something from nothing.

Heaven is a beautiful place described as being above the earth (Deuteronomy 5:8; 1 Kings 8:23;). God is the Light of Heaven (Rev. 21:23 - 22:5) and calls Heaven His Throne and the earth His footstool (Isaiah 66:1; Matthew 5:34). He surrounded Himself and His Throne with angels – millions of them (1 Kings 22:19; Revelation 5:11; 7:11). God taught His

angels to sing an important part of the Song of the Supernatural. It is the angels' Song of Worship and Praise.

“Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!” Psalm 148:2

“And one cried to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!’” Isaiah 6:3

“The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!’” Revelation 4:8

The simplicity of the Song the angels sing is based on the deep idea of God's Worth. He is Worthy to be Praised. He is Holy, Righteous and True. Angels worship and serve God day and night. People often say that someone has the “voice of an angel.” Only a small number of people in history have ever heard angels sing, so no one really knows how they sound. However, we know from Scripture that God Created angels for the purpose of worshipping Him and singing His praise in Heaven. We can be sure that their voices are beautiful to hear. In fact, I imagine that the voice of just one angel would quickly bring us to tears with the power and sweetness of their song of praise for the God they've known and worshiped for thousands of years.

What's the largest group of singers you've ever seen in person? Dozens? Scores? Hundreds? Thousands? Tens of thousands? Do you remember how thrilling it was hearing all those voices singing together in harmony? Imagine a choir of **tens of millions** of angels singing songs of praise to our God in Heaven. What do you think that would sound like? Would it inspire you to worship God as well? I believe it will! In fact, the voices of millions of angels will help inspire the voices of **billions** of people God has saved to sing with them in Heaven. That will be amazing!

What God did in Creating Heaven and the angelic host was a feat of Deep Magic that is far greater than anything any magician in history has ever accomplished. However, God was not finished. In fact, He was just getting started.

The Building Blocks of Heaven

Have you ever thought about what God used to Create Heaven? Heaven is not what most people think of when they hear the word. Heaven is not filled with "fairy dust" where little creatures flit from place to place. Heaven is not people sitting on clouds floating in the air. Heaven is a real place of great size, volume and weight. It might surprise some to know that elements we think of as being part of the earth, were first part of Heaven. We learn a great deal about the building blocks of Heaven by learning what God used to build His Holy City – The New Jerusalem.

- **Gold** – a basic building material in Heaven ... the New Jerusalem that comes out of Heaven from God is made from pure gold, like clear glass (Revelation 21:18) ... the wide street of the city is made with pure gold, like transparent glass (Revelation 21:21) ... an angel measured the city of gold using a gold measuring reed (Revelation 21:15) ... the seven bowls that carry God's wrath are made of gold (Revelation 15:7) ... the seven angels with the seven plagues have their chests girded with golden bands (Revelation 15:6) ... the Son of God wears a large crown made of gold (Revelation 14:14) ... the large altar that is before the Throne of God is made of gold (Revelation 9:13) ... angels carry censers made of gold (Revelation 8:3) ... the four living creatures and 24 elders in Heaven carry incense bowls made of gold (Revelation 5:8) ... the crowns those elders wear are made of gold (Revelation 4:4). God used gold in His Creation of Heaven the way people on earth use wood, granite and limestone to build things. Another thing about gold – it is a very heavy element. Its gravity specific weight is 19.32 Gold is twice as heavy as lead and more than twice as hard. In the air, gold weights almost 7 times as much as gravel or sand. In water, gold is about 11 times as heavy. Yet, at the same time, gold has the highest malleability of all metals God has Created. It can be hammered to a thickness of just 0.0001 millimeter. It can be so thin that light can penetrate the metal. How much would it cost a man to build a city of that size out of pure gold and pave its street with pure gold? The current market price of gold is \$1,343 an ounce. A pound of gold (based on a Troy ounce) would cost almost \$20,000. That's almost \$40,000,000 for a ton of gold at current prices. How much gold would it take to build a city

1,500 miles by 1,500 miles by 1,500 miles and pave its wide street with pure gold? The answer is that it could not be done because there is not enough gold on earth to build a city of that size. In fact, it's estimated that all of the gold on the earth piled together would only be about the size of a small office building. That's nothing compared to a city of gold the size of the majority of states in the United States reaching up to more than half the distance from the earth to the moon. A city of that size would be measured in trillions of trillions of metric tons – not ounces and pounds. Think about that! God used one of the heaviest and most expensive metals lavishly in His Creation of Heaven. Gold existed in Heaven before God used it in the Creation of earth. He took a very small portion of Heaven's pure gold and sprinkled it lightly on the earth.

- **Jasper** – another basic building material in Heaven ... the construction of the great wall of the New Jerusalem is jasper (Revelation 21:18) ... the wall is 144 cubits thick, which is about 216 feet (large enough to support a 24 lane super highway) ... the wall surrounds a city that is 12,000 furlongs long and high on each of four sides (about 1,500 miles long, deep and high) ... the foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with all kinds of precious stones and the first foundation is jasper. Think about the enormity of jasper as a building material in just the wall of the New Jerusalem – 1,500 miles by 1,500 miles by 1,500 miles and 216 feet thick. On top of that, jasper is the first precious stone in the foundation of the great wall (Revelation 21:19). Is that not amazing? Jasper is generally red, yellow, brown or green in color, and easily polished to a beautiful

shine. Can you see that in Heaven? A great and high wall made of highly polished red, yellow, brown and green jasper hundreds of miles long and high? How beautiful it is to behold. But there's more! The light of the New Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven is like a precious jasper stone, clear as crystal (Revelation 21:11). Do you see the vision of it? The great city of God with a light like clear jasper with an outer wall made of polished jasper. The red color will be such a beautiful reminder of the blood of the Son of God that ran from His Body for the salvation of every person who lives in the New Jerusalem. Unlike gold, jasper is not expensive to purchase on earth, unless it is specially cut and polished by a gem expert – the same way God forms and polishes those for whom the Son of God gave His Life. Others may not see anything special about a broken human life, but God sees deep inside the inner man and knows how to bring out the very best in each of us. That is Deep Magic, indeed!

- **Sapphire** – the second foundation of the wall surrounding the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:19) ... sapphire has great value on earth, based on grade and clarity ... everything in Heaven is pure and of the highest quality, meaning that the value of the sapphires that are part of the enormous wall ... on earth, sapphires come in many shades of blue and a 1-carat sapphire can cost anywhere from a few hundred dollars to tens of thousands of dollars ... large sapphires (more than 3 carats) are very rare and far more expensive per carat than smaller sapphires ... can you imagine how large God's sapphires are to be a major part of the foundation of the Holy City? The value on earth

would be staggering – God uses them as a foundational building material for a wall 1,500 miles high and thousands of miles in length.

- **Chalcedony** – the third foundation of the wall surrounding the New Jerusalem ... chalcedony is any form of microcrystalline or cryptocrystalline quartz ... the stones come in many colors, shapes and sizes, are usually semi-transparent or translucent, and are popular as jewelry ... varieties of chalcedony include agate, moss agate, bloodstone, onyx, mocha, prase, chrysoprase, plasma, and heliotrope ... chalcedony is priced based on grade, quality, cut and polish and can cost several dollars, hundreds of dollars, or even thousands of dollars per gemstone.
- **Emerald** – the fourth foundation of New Jerusalem’s wall ... like so many gemstones the value of an emerald is based on cut, carat, color and clarity ... emeralds can cost from several dollars to thousands of dollars based on their quality ... the most valuable emeralds are those that are large, perfectly cut, clear, and a deep, vivid green in color ... the emeralds of Heaven would certainly be of only the highest quality in all categories and be of extreme size as a prominent foundation of the Great Wall of Heaven.
- **Sardonyx** – the fifth foundation of the wall of the Holy City ... sardonyx is a cryptocrystalline form of quartz that has been popular for jewelry for thousands of years ... it is a variety of the silica mineral chalcedony ... the word onyx means “claw” and sard means “reddish

brown” ... the sardonyx stone has reddish brown colored bands rather than black bands ... it is affordable, but looks valuable.

- **Sardius** – the sixth foundation of the New Jerusalem ... the sardius gemstone is reddish in color ... it is a semi-precious stone.
- **Chrysolite** – the seventh foundation of the City of God ... it is a magnesium iron silicate that is greenish gold in color with white streaks ... it held great value in ancient times, but is less expensive to purchase today.
- **Beryl** – the eighth foundation of the New Jerusalem ... pure beryl is either colorless or yellow (sometimes called golden beryl) and is from the same family of gems as emerald, morganite and aquamarine ... many beryl gems are green in color (green beryl) ... beryl gemstones are often used for larger jewelry pieces because of the size of the stones ... the value of beryl depends on color and quality, but are not expensive when weighed by carat.
- **Topaz** – the ninth foundation of God’s Holy City ... topaz is a silicate mineral of aluminum and fluorine ... pure topaz is colorless and transparent ... most topaz on earth are reddish-orange, yellow, pale gray, blue brown, green, pink, white, or wine colored ... topaz gems are used as precious stones for jewelry.

- **Chrysoprase** – the tenth foundation of the New Jerusalem ... chrysoprase is in the quartz family and is a variety of chalcedony ... it is green in color and one of the more valuable chalcedony gems.
- **Jacinth** – the eleventh foundation of the Holy City that comes down from God out of Heaven ... jacinth is a red transparent variety of zircon and can also be reddish blue and deep purple ... it is used as beautiful and relatively inexpensive jewelry.
- **Amethyst** – the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem ... amethyst is a quartz variety that is violet in color ... amethyst was highly valued for thousands of years until large deposits were found in the 18th Century A.D.
- **Pearl** – the wall of the New Jerusalem has twelve gates, and each gate is made from one pearl (Revelation 21:12, 21) ... the gates will always be open because it will always be light and never be night ... quality pearls on earth are made within the soft tissue of a shelled mollusk ... the best pearls are hard and perfectly round and smooth ... they are extremely valuable on earth and the high grade quality pearls can cost thousands of dollars ... God Created pearls in Heaven that are so large that one pearl stands as a gate into the Holy City.
- **Water** – water flows through the New Jerusalem as a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the Throne of God and

of the Lamb, Jesus Christ Revelation 22:1) ... Jesus also told the Apostle John that He would give of the fountain of the water of life freely to people who were thirsty (Revelation 21:6) ... God Created the water of life in Heaven.

- **Glass** – God’s Throne is in Heaven and before His Throne the Apostle John saw “a sea of glass, like crystal” (Revelation 4:6) ... John saw the sea of glass again in Revelation 15 where those who have victory over the beast stood on the sea of glass (Revelation 15:2) ... glass on earth is a non-crystalline solid material made from a mixture of silica, sodium oxide, calcium oxide and other additives ... God Created a sea of glass to appear before His Throne in Heaven – a place where His people stand before Him.

No city ever built by man can compare with the beauty and glory of the New Jerusalem. As the Apostle John described it - “prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” (Revelation 21:2) God made it crystal clear in His Revelation that the New Jerusalem and those who will live in it are the bride of Christ.

“Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, ‘Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.’ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God.” Revelation 21:9-11

I've often closed my eyes to get a vision of the beauty and magnitude of this amazing city – 1,500 miles in all directions, built of pure gold, surrounded by an enormous wall made of precious gemstones of every imaginable color. I know I will one day walk on the great golden street and enjoy the vivid colors that are made even more beautiful by the glorious light from our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ! “The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light.” (Revelation 21:23)

People are quite taken by the beauty and value of gemstones, which is understandable. However, it's important for us to remember that God Created these colorful gemstones to reveal important aspects of Himself to us. God dwells in “unapproachable light” and that light is filled with every part of the color spectrum. It's estimated that the human eye can see about 10,000,000 different colors. Computers can display almost 17,000,000 colors. However, lighting conditions affect the hue and shading of colors, so the true number of different colors is much higher. The fact is that the true number of colors that God sees is most likely infinite.

What Color is God?

Have you ever taken the quiz “what color are you?” Have you wondered what color God is? God wants us to know those kinds of things about Him, so He has revealed it in His Word. Here’s how the Apostle John saw God in the Revelation.

“Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.” Revelation 4:2-3

Think back to our gemstone color chart. God is like “jasper” and a “sardius stone” in appearance. That’s primarily the color “red.” Have you ever thought of God being reddish in appearance? Why would that be? Do you think it’s a coincidence that blood is the color red and life is in the blood? What other reasons might God appear to be reddish in color? Remember – to unlock the secrets of God’s Deep Magic, we must look at every Word of God as revealed clues that guide us into the discovery of Eternal Truth about God. The colors and materials God used in Creating Heaven, the universe and the planet earth, are all part of His Revelation of Himself to us.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, also revealed His color to John the Apostle. Most people who know anything about Jesus think of Him as a man, but

those of us who know Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords know Him as the Lord God of Heaven. Here's what John saw.

“Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.’” Revelation 1:12-18

“And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.” Revelation 5:6-7

“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His

head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” Revelation 19:11-16

This vision of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is not at all the way the world thinks of Him, but this is Who He is – Head and Hair white like wool, as white as snow – Crowns on His Head - Eyes like a flame of fire – Feet like fine brass – Voice as the sound of many waters – Out of His Mouth a sharp, two-edged sword – His Countenance like the sun shining in its strength – Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God – Clothed with a Robe dipped in Blood. This is our Jesus – Creator of the Universe!

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

Consider this for a moment – God **Created** the “heavens and the earth.” What would be involved in creating everything you see around you, everything above your head, and everything below your feet? The Hebrew word *bara* means “to bring into being.” God brought into being the **heavens**

(*samayim*) and the **earth** (*eres*). That is beyond amazing; it is a true Miracle of the highest magnitude!

The Scriptures speak of three heavens:

1. The atmosphere above the land where birds fly and clouds move
2. The great expanse of space above the atmosphere where stars and galaxies reside
3. The Throne Room of God where God rules and angels worship and serve Him

We've already learned a little about the Third Heaven that God Created for His Throne and for the angels' home. We'll see more about the atmosphere that surrounds the earth later in this chapter. So, let's begin our investigation into the Deep Magic of Creation with the second heaven we know as the **universe**.

Astrophysicists do not know the exact size of the universe (all existing matter and space), but they believe it to be larger than anyone can imagine. Estimates range from a low of 10 billion light years to a high of 156 billion light years for the size of the visible universe (from one end to the other). One reason for the difference in the estimates is the variable of how quickly the universe is expanding and whether the speed of expansion is greater now than at the beginning of the universe. Based on the speed of light being 186,282 miles per second, a light year is about 5.9 trillion miles.

Here are some examples of how big our universe may be in total miles from end to end based on various scientific estimates. The first number is light years. The second number is miles in one light year. The third number is the multiplier times 10 to the 22nd or 23rd power (a 1 followed by 22 or 23 zeroes).

$$10\,000\,000\,000 \times 5\,900\,000\,000\,000 = 5.9 \times 10^{22}$$

$$14\,000\,000\,000 \times 5\,900\,000\,000\,000 = 8.26 \times 10^{22}$$

$$20\,000\,000\,000 \times 5\,900\,000\,000\,000 = 1.18 \times 10^{23}$$

$$27\,000\,000\,000 \times 5\,900\,000\,000\,000 = 1.59300 \times 10^{23}$$

$$40\,000\,000\,000 \times 5\,900\,000\,000\,000 = 2.36 \times 10^{23}$$

$$78\,000\,000\,000 \times 5\,900\,000\,000\,000 = 4.60200 \times 10^{23}$$

$$156\,000\,000\,000 \times 5\,900\,000\,000\,000 = 9.20400 \times 10^{23}$$

These numbers are staggering and difficult to comprehend, but they are numbers God understands well. He Created all of the astrophysical laws behind the enormous size of the universe. To help our understanding, let's look at it from the stars closest to us.

We begin with our own solar system. The earth is about 93,000,000 miles from our sun – which is classified as a yellow dwarf star. Our sun is huge –

about 870,000 miles in diameter – 190 times that of the earth. The luminosity of the sun is estimated to be about 390 billion billion megawatts. The temperature at the surface of the sun is a little less than 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The temperature at the sun's core is more than 22 million degrees Fahrenheit. The sun generates its power through the process of nuclear fusion of hydrogen into helium (about 620 million metric tons of hydrogen per second). Light from our sun takes about 8 minutes and 20 seconds to arrive to earth (500 seconds). The closest star to our sun, Proxima, is more than four light years away from us - about 2.54400×10^{13} miles from the sun. Proxima is a red dwarf star in the Centaurus constellation. That's the closest star to our sun – and we can't even see it with the naked eye!

Our own galaxy, the **Milky Way**, is classified as a barred spiral galaxy and relatively small – “only” 100,000 light years across and 1,000 light years thick. It is made up of between 200 - 400 billion stars. In addition to the stars we can see, the Milky Way has a halo of **dark matter** (matter that can only be detected because of its gravitational pull) that may make up as much as 90% of its mass. What we see as “light” may be less than 10% of the Milky Way. At the center of the Milky Way Galaxy is a giant black hole that eats stars for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Stars closest to the black hole orbit it at thousands of miles per second – until they are eventually pulled into the hole and disappear.

We are a long way from our nearest galaxy neighbors (made up of more than 30 galaxies known as the **Local Group**). Even the closest galaxy to ours, the **Andromeda** galaxy, is more than two million light years away

(1.18×10^{19}). Though the Milky Way and Andromeda galaxies are enormous in size (Andromeda has about 1 trillion stars), they are only two of hundreds of billions of galaxies in the “observable universe.” Many of the larger galaxies have trillions of stars in them. The largest known galaxy, **IC 1101**, has more than 100 trillion stars. It is more than 50 times the size of our Milky Way and two-thousand times as massive. And just like the Milky Way, 90% or more of the galaxies are invisible to observation because of a mysterious dark matter. Keep in mind the Truth of Deep Magic - our God Created every inch of it and sustains it by His Mighty Power. This is the same God we love and serve with our whole being – the God of Creation.

The Runaway Universe

As I mentioned earlier, many scientists believe the universe is expanding every moment of the day at a rapid pace. Some speak of it as an “open” or “runaway” universe. In 1998, astrophysicists announced the discovery of an accelerating expansion of the universe that is forcing galaxies farther apart at an every increasing speed. That discovery has given rise to the theory of a **dark energy** that is pushing the universe to expand in many directions. Members of the scientific team that made the discovery said they called it dark energy because it can't be seen and no one knows what's behind it. They believe the universe may be larger than anyone thinks and expanding more rapidly than anyone can imagine. Some scientists estimate that the universe is now more than 70% dark energy and 20% dark matter. If that is true, what we can see of the universe may be less than 10% of its total mass.

One of the scientists on the discovery team was quoted as saying that “some force” appears to be pushing and stretching the universe apart. Though scientists around the world are struggling to find the source of the force behind the ever-expanding universe, the Scriptures make it clear that God is the One “stretching” the universe.

“Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.” Psalm 104:2

“It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.” Isaiah 40:22

“Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out.” Isaiah 42:5

“I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone.” Isaiah 44:24

“I—My hands—stretched out the heavens, And all their host I have commanded.” Isaiah 45:12

“My right hand has stretched out the heavens; When I call to them, They stand up together.” Isaiah 48:13

“And you forget the LORD your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens And laid the foundations of the earth.” Isaiah 51:13

“He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.”

Jeremiah 10:12

“He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, And stretched out the heaven by His understanding.”

Jeremiah 51:15

“Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.”

Zechariah 12:1

The Hebrew word for “stretched out” is *natah*. It means “to cast out, extend, scatter, spread out, pitch.” When the Deep Magic of Creation began, God *natah* the heavens. The recent discoveries of science are finding that God’s “stretching out the heavens” is continuing at a speed scientists cannot calculate or comprehend. God put everything into motion when He stretched out the heavens – including all the foundational science that scientists are just now discovering.

Though the diameter of the universe is extremely large – and getting larger every second – scientists believe it is relatively thin - just a few thousand light years thick. That sounds like a lot, but not when compared with a diameter of billions of light years. The thickness of the universe is extremely small in comparison to the object’s diameter - making it quite flexible. This is consistent with what God says He will do with the universe in the future – “*And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll.*” (Isaiah

34:4) God is so immense in size that He will be able to take the heavens in His Hands and roll them up like a scroll. God dwells in “unapproachable light” outside of our universe, so it is well within the scope of His Size and Power to roll up our universe at the appropriate time.

How Did God Do It?

So, how did He do it? How did God Create the Heavens? What is this Deep Magic of the Supernatural? Is it a trick? A slight of hand? A misdirection? No, it is real. All any of us have to do to prove what God has done is walk outside on a clear night and look up.

“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.” Psalm 19:1

The Hebrew word for “declare” is *sapar*. It means “to number, enumerate, count, tell, announce.” It’s interesting that out of all the Hebrew words translated by the English word “declare,” the one dealing with counting numbers would be chosen by the Psalmist. Numbers are very important to God and, as we’ll see in this book, are part of His **Deep Magic**.

Many years ago I traveled with some friends to teach at a seminar. Our host lived far out in the country and we arrived after 10 o’clock at night. Clouds had hidden the night sky from us during most of the journey, but when we got out of the car at our journey’s end I was amazed at what I saw. As far as I could see thousands of bright stars lit up the night sky. I had never seen so many stars. It was that night I understood what the psalmist meant when he wrote: “*The heavens declare the glory of God.*” The sheer number of the stars was overwhelming and the brightness of their combined light made it appear as almost daytime.

I was also reminded of what God told Abram thousands of years earlier: *“Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.”* (Genesis 15:5) Abram was not able to count the stars that night – and neither was I. The number of stars we can see with the naked eye depends on how close we are to city lights and other light pollution. It is estimated that in a typical dark sky, someone with good vision whose eyes have adapted to the dark could see a few thousand stars. However, at the time Abram looked at the dark sky without light pollution, he may have been able to see thousands more. He would not have been able to count the number of stars because the sky would have been filled with light.

The invention of the telescope thousands of years later opened up new possibilities for investigating the heavens from earth. Millions of new stars and galaxies have been discovered. The launch of the Hubble Space Telescope in 1990 opened the unique opportunity to look into outer space from outer space. The Hubble orbits the earth at an altitude of 353 miles and a speed of 17,500 miles per hour. It transmits more than 120 gigabytes of scientific data every week. The Hubble pictures we have seen of the expanding universe are staggeringly beautiful and amazing - even more evidence of God's Deep Magic.

In the late 1970s, a company began offering people the opportunity to name stars. I found that interesting in light of the fact that every star in the heavens already has a name.

“He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.” Psalm 147:4-5

Scientists are doing their best to guess how many stars are in the heavens, but God has already counted and named them. God is so far ahead of everyone. That’s because He is the Creator!

So, how did God Create the heavens and the earth? Magicians want you to be astounded by their magic, but usually do not want you to know how they do it. That’s because their magic is based on principles of movement, bound by the laws of physics. Not so with God. He Created the heavens and the earth out of nothing. There’s no trick here – just the awesome Power of the Almighty God.

A better question for us to ask first is “why”. Why did God Create the heavens and the earth? Remember that He Created Heaven to be home to His angelic host and for His Throne. Did God also create the earth for the angels or something or someone else?

The Deep Magic of God is well documented. He did not Create the heavens and the earth as a trick to confound or entertain the angels. God showed His Mighty Power openly for all to see and explained exactly how He did it.

The first sentence in the Bible tells us **what** God did: “*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*” The following verses explained **how** He did it.

“The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” Genesis 1:2

This may not be what you would expect to see from the God Who Dwells in Unapproachable Light and Rules from His Throne in Heaven surrounded by tens of millions of angels. “*The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.*” We know from this statement that the earth existed, but it was without form and void. The Hebrew word for “without form” is *tohu* and means “a vast desert, waste and barren, a void place.” It is used 20 times in the Hebrew Bible. The Hebrew word for “void” is *bohu* and means “empty, void.” It is used only three times in the Hebrew Bible - always combined with *tohu* (Genesis 1:2; Isaiah 34:11; Jeremiah 4:23). The “face of the deep” includes the Hebrew words *paneh* and *tehom*. *Paneh* means “surface.” *Tehom* means “deep” and is used for the depths of the ocean as well as deep springs. The Hebrew scholars who translated the Bible into Greek used the word *abussos* (abyss) to explain the meaning of *tehom*. The “face of the deep” was the surface of the deep abyss at the beginning of Creation.

Many theories have swirled around Genesis 1:2 for centuries. One major theory is that the formless and void earth, along with the waters, were the beginning substances God used to create the world – like a potter using

clay and water to form a thing of beauty. Another theory is that the earth was formless and void because of God's Judgment. If the formless and void earth along with the deep waters were the substances God used at the beginning of Creation, then we can move on to verse 3 knowing two of the primary building blocks for what God Created. However, if the earth was formless and void and the Spirit of God was hovering over the deep waters because of God's Judgment, then we will need to spend more time to understand what He Judged and why and how that played a role in the Creation of the heavens and the earth. We'll look at that theory in detail in the next chapter – **Behold The Darkness**. Our purpose now is to focus on the Light of Creation.

Creation — Day One

One thing is for sure – the **earth** is the focus of God's Supernatural attention. Genesis 1:1 ends with the words "the earth," and the first words of Genesis 1:2 are "The earth." God is making it clear to His audience that the "earth" is what they should watch as the Creative process unfolds. Remember, God wants us to look at Him as He explains how He accomplished, what is to us, the greatest act of Deep Magic in all of history (His Story).

"Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light." Genesis 1:3

"Then God said." The Hebrew word is *amar* and means "to say, to say in one's heart, to think, to command, to promise, to intend." This is speech that comes from the heart and mind; speech that reveals the individual's

purpose and intent.

The scientific support for what many call **Intelligent Design** is enormous and growing by the day. More and more scientists are writing papers and books about “The Mind” behind the Design of the universe. Some of the scientific fields represented by those who are concluding that a Great Intelligence is behind the design of the universe are physics, astrophysics, astronomy, biology, and biochemistry.

I was a television journalist in Huntsville, Alabama for almost 13 years. Huntsville is home to NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center and where Werner von Braun and his team of German scientists settled after they were “captured” by Allied forces at the end of World War II. Von Braun died a few years before I moved to Huntsville, but I had the opportunity to know and interview many members of his German team. I spent time in their homes and saw many of von Braun’s pictures, letters, papers, and drawings. One of my favorite quotes from von Braun is this one about the Creator:

“The vast mysteries of the universe should only confirm our belief in the certainty of its Creator. I find it as difficult to understand a scientist who does not acknowledge the presence of a superior rationality behind the existence of the universe as it is to comprehend a theologian who would deny the advances of science.” Werner von Braun

I have no fear about what scientists may discover in my lifetime or after I'm gone. If their methods are pure and aimed at finding the truth about the beginning of the universe, they will find God there. Most of the so-called "scientific discoveries" of the 19th and early 20th centuries that supported evolution and other ungodly views of the origin of life have been found to be untrue and wanting in the areas of scientific exploration. Even modern evolutionists and atheists are hard pressed to hold to such archaic and disproven beliefs. Norman Geisler and Frank Turek wrote a book that expresses the problem well - "I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist." Neither do I - and I used to be an atheist. In fact, recent scientific discoveries are having a big impact on the belief systems of many well-known and respected scientists who are moving from atheism to theism. Anyone who really wants to know the truth can find it in the Holy Scriptures and real science.

The Magic of Creation

Something as large and complex as the universe must have necessitated enormous and complicated machinery to move matter around so that everything could come into existence. That might be our view as humans, since everything we do in building things takes great planning and physical movement. We're used to giant cranes and bulldozers to get the result of giant buildings – but not so with God.

"By the word of the LORD the heavens were made." Psalm 33:6

God is giving us a great insight – we might even call it a clue – to His Deep Magic. The Magic is in **His Word**. The Word of God is a revelation of His Mind, Heart, Will and Intent. It is through the Word of God that we learn His inner Thoughts, Desires and Intentions. If God did not speak, we could not know. Whenever you read in the Bible that God “spoke,” you are witnessing the Supernatural. Those of us who are of the natural must pay close attention to that which is of the Supernatural, because in it we will see great and mighty things that exist outside our sphere of understanding and control. It is through the Word of God that we receive Knowledge and Wisdom from His Mind to our eyes and ears – if we are willing to see and hear. All other words we hear in life pale in comparison with the Word of God.

What is the first written language of God’s Word? **Hebrew**. Take special note of that because the language a magician uses is key to his or her knowledge and power. Many magicians believe there is magic in language – the spoken word. Ancient magicians believed that supernatural powers listened for magical words to be spoken and would grant their power to the one who spoke the words in the right order. The fact that God chose Hebrew for the language He would use to communicate with humans is a key to understanding the Power of His Deep Magic.

The Hebrew language had its beginning when God called an elderly man from Ur to become the father of God’s chosen people. While Sumerian may have been his mother tongue, Abram was a wealthy and intelligent man and most likely spoke multiple languages because of the importance of Ur as an ancient trading center in lower Mesopotamia. God led Abram (later

changing his name to Abraham) to move his family hundreds of miles to the land of Canaan for many years and introduced him to many new words and ideas about the language of the Divine Creator of the universe. God continued to instruct Abraham's son Isaac, Isaac's son Jacob, and Jacob's 12 sons in His Ways. The Hebrew language was well developed by the time the family of Israel moved from Canaan to Egypt because of a great famine in the land. Hundreds of years later, God spoke at great length with Moses and taught him how to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt and toward the land of promise. God also dictated His Law for Israel to Moses and told him what to write in the first five Books of the Old Testament. Hebrew is the language God chose to reveal Himself to Israel and to the world – so keep your eye on it for clues to the Deep Magic of God.

God Is Light

God said, *“Let there be light”; and there was light.*” We know from many other Scriptures that God is Light and Dwells in Unapproachable Light.

“This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5

“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness ...’ 2 Corinthians 4:6

When God said, “*let there be light*” (*yehiy 'or*), He brought His Eternal Light into that which He was creating on Day One. God’s Light is His Presence. The beauty of what happened on Day One of Creation is that God was there in all His Glory.

“Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.” Genesis 1:3-5

God began the Creative process with the earth being without form, and void. Darkness was on the face of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. God let His Light shine out of darkness and *saw that it was good*. It’s important to note here that God is pleased with each step of the Creative process – “*and God saw that it was good*.” That phrase is used six times in Genesis 1. There is a seventh usage of the word, but it is a strengthened form of the word **good** – the number **seven** being an important key to understanding the Deep Magic of God.

God “divided” (Hebrew *badal* – separate, divide into parts) the “light” (*'or*) from the “darkness” (*hoshekh*) – the same darkness that was on the surface of the “deep” (*tehom* – abyss). Now that the light and darkness were separated into parts, God gave names to each. He called the light “Day” and called the darkness “Night.” God defined their purpose further by calling one “evening” and the other “morning.” Together, they were the first **day**.

A quick word about the term “day” in Genesis 1. Many speculate about whether a Creation day was 24 hours or descriptive of a much longer period of time. One key is God using the terms “morning” and “evening,” which we would understand to combine to make up a 24-hour cycle. Another key is found in the Law God gave to Moses for Israel where He compared the six days of Creation to the six days of the week people would labor, and the seventh day of Creation where God rested from His Work, to the Sabbath Day where the people would rest from their work and worship their God.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.” Exodus 20:8-11

Creation - Day Two

God has Light, Darkness, the surface of the deep, and the waters at the end of Day One. One evening and one morning have past in the process and He has everything He needs for the next step in Creation. God moves on to the Second Day of His Deep Magic.

“Then God said, ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.’ Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.” Genesis 1:6-8

God created a “firmament.” The Hebrew word is *raqiya* and means “the expanse.” *Raqiya* comes from the word *raqa*, which means “to stamp, beat out, spread out, stretch out.” The word is used 17 times in the Old Testament – eight times in Genesis 1. Each of the uses describes a different aspect of what we see as the **sky** above (we’ll see the different uses of the word as we study the Days of Creation). Ezekiel also uses the word *raqiya* in his description of the Glory of God and His angels in the Third Heaven.

God Created a firmament (expanse) “*in the midst of the waters.*” The impact it had was to “divide the waters from the waters” – the waters which were under the firmament were divided from the waters which were above the firmament. God gave the firmament a name – He called it Heaven. The Hebrew word *samayim* is also translated as “heavens, sky, the skies.” As we will see in our study, all of the references in Genesis 1 are about the first and second heavens – not the Third (High) Heaven of God’s Throne and the home of the angelic host.

The first heaven contains the atmosphere that is a major part of the life support structure on earth. The primary elements in our atmosphere are nitrogen (78.1%), oxygen (20.9%), argon (0.9%), and carbon dioxide (0.04%). Neon, methane, helium, krypton, hydrogen, xenon, ozone, nitrous oxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and iodine are also part of the atmosphere, but in extremely small amounts. Ammonia is present in a trace amount. Those are some of the elements God Created for the beginning of His Deep Magic.

What we see God doing on Day Two of Creation is building spaces. What He does next is to “fill” those spaces with life.

“So the evening and the morning were the second day.” Genesis 1:8

Creation - Day Three

On Day Three of Creation, God focused His Magic on the waters under the heavens and the dry land He called **Earth**.

“Then God said, ‘Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear’; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.” Genesis 1:9-10

God commanded the waters under the heavens to “be gathered together” into one place. The Hebrew language has 35 words translated by the English word “gathered,” so it’s important to know which word is used in Genesis 1:9. It is *qawah* and means “to be gathered together - as waters or people – a congregation.” It also translates as “to wait, to look for, hope for.” It’s interesting that the word God used for the gathering together of the waters of creation is also the word used for “hope for.” God will perform many feats of Deep Magic in the years to come using His Power to move large amounts of water into place for His Purposes.

The waters of Creation moved at God’s command “into one place.” The Hebrew is *maqom ‘ehad* and means “a single standing place, first place, one country.” God commanded the waters under the heavens to be gathered into one place and the waters obeyed. Water is extremely important to the process of Creation. Water is vital to life and is known as the “universal” solvent. Water is made of hydrogen and oxygen and is extremely efficient in dissolving a vast number of chemicals, in addition to moving objects of great size and volume. God used water during Creation and continues to use it to this day for every aspect of supporting the life He Created.

The best magicians uncover and reveal amazing things throughout their act. Their purpose is to give the appearance that they have special knowledge and magical control of those things that are hidden. However, no magician has ever come close to the Deep Magic of God to reveal and uncover. The Almighty God commanded the waters to gather into one place and “dry land” appeared. The Hebrew word for “appear” is *ra’ah* and means

“to show oneself, to present oneself, to be seen.” As the waters moved at God’s command, dry land presented itself to the Creator. Did God create dry land at that moment or did it have a previous existence? We’ll also look into that mystery in our next chapter.

God named the dry land that appeared and the waters that had moved into one place. He called the dry land “Earth” and the waters He called “Seas.” The Hebrew word for “land” is *yabbasah* and translates as “dry ground, that which is dry.” The word for “earth” is *eres* – we saw it used early in Genesis 1:1-2. The word for “Seas” is *yam* and means “collection of waters.” God looked at what He had done and “saw that it was good.” Even as water is necessary for life, so is carbon – which is a major component of living things. Carbon is the 6th most abundant element in the earth’s crust – following hydrogen, helium, lithium, beryllium and boron. Carbon is a core atom for the structure of life and was in great supply for God to use as He Created everything on earth. It has tremendous properties for bonding chemicals in large numbers with tremendous complexity to develop the very large molecules necessary for living things.

Creation now has four primary quadrants - dry land, seas, firmament, and waters above the firmament. We might think of them as large spaces where God will perform more of His Deep Magic. God is a God of Order - He established the borders of each space, then filled them with His Creative Artistry.

“Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth’; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day.” Genesis 1:11-13

God Created grass, herbs, and fruit trees. No magician who has ever lived can create even one blade of grass, one herb, or one fruit tree out of nothing – but God Created thousands of different types of grass, herbs and fruit trees. That is Deep Magic! God Created every cell of each type of grass, herb and fruit tree and all the biological and chemical laws and principles that govern their growth and maturity. The next time you go outside, look around at the various grasses, plants and fruit trees in your neighborhood. Visit a horticultural center and marvel at the complexity and diversity of God’s Genius.

God also Created a unique method for the continuation and spread of the grasses, herbs and trees through the process of seeds “according to its kind.” The introduction of the **seed principle** begins here on Day Three of Creation and will play a vital role in all of the Magic that will follow for thousands of years. God looked at what He had made and “saw that it was good.”

Creation - Day Four

God moved next to populate the “firmament of the heavens.” He spent part of Day Three creating some of the smallest things on earth. On Day Four, He turned His attention to the largest things in the universe.

“Then God said, ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth’; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.”

Genesis 1:14-19

We’ve already seen the enormous size of the universe, but look closely at what God does with that universe. He places lights in the heavens “to divide the day from the night.” Where is day and night? On earth. The lights are to be “for signs and seasons, and for days and years” Where are the signs and seasons? Where are the days and years? On earth. Even though God Creates lights in the heavens, His attention is toward the earth. “Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night.” We know that the greater light God Created to rule the day is the sun. The lesser light to rule the night is the moon. What is the

focus of both the sun and moon? To shine light on the earth – day and night.

I love the next sentence – “He made the stars also.” It seems like such a small number of words to include for the Creation of trillions and trillions of stars in the universe. You might think that God would have told Moses to go on and on about the greatness of what He accomplished in Creating the galaxies of stars, but He didn’t. What He did do was remind us that the purpose of all the stars in the heavens is “to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness.” Everything God is doing in Creation is focused on a tiny little combination of land and water He called the Earth.

Scientists are just beginning to understand the special place the Earth has in the universe. For centuries, people thought of the earth as ordinary and even unimportant in the overall function of the galaxies of stars and planetary systems. Many people also believed that many other solar systems in the universe had planets similar to the earth where life had also “evolved.” However, science is now seeing that the earth is extraordinary in its ability to support complex life forms.

A group of astronomers in the U.S. developed a concept called the Galactic Habitable Zone (GHZ). That’s the zone in any galaxy where habitable planets might be possible. The scientific concept is based on the distance from a star where a planet could maintain liquid water on its surface and earth-like life. There are two zones that must exist for a planet to support life: (1) a zone within the planetary system, and (2) a zone within the

galaxy. As scientists began looking for these zones in the universe, they saw how special the earth is in its location in the solar system and in the galaxy. The earth is in just the right place in our solar system and the Milky Way Galaxy for life to thrive. God made sure that it would be so.

Let's start with being in the right place in the right galaxy. I mentioned earlier that our solar system exists in a "spiral galaxy." The other types of galaxies in the universe are "elliptical" and "irregular" – neither of which are conducive to life-supporting planets. Elliptical galaxies are egg-shaped and contain stars with random orbits that often put individual solar systems in great danger from black holes. Any planets in those solar systems would also be in great peril. Elliptical galaxies are less massive and luminous and also lack the heavy elements needed for an earth-like planet. Most galaxies in the universe fall into the elliptical category and the largest galaxies are giant ellipticals. The gravitational pull in elliptical galaxies would create elliptical orbits for planets which would mean continual extremes of heat and cold – making life like that on earth impossible. Many scientists investigating elliptical galaxies have concluded that they are not Habitable Zones (HZ) for earth-like planets.

Irregular galaxies are believed to be even worse than the ellipticals. That's because they are ripped apart by supernovae in every sector of the galaxies. They also experience great gamma ray bursts which are even more powerful than supernovae. The distortion of irregular galaxies makes them dangerous to any life being supported on a planet within any solar system.

That brings us back to spiral galaxies, like the Milky Way. They are dominated by a central spherical bulge and a disk with spiral arms. Those arms extend outward from the nucleus in a spiral pattern – much like a pinwheel. Think about a time when you held a pinwheel in your hand and blew on the plastic wheels. They spun faster and faster as you blew on them. Where was the safe zone on the pin wheel? That's right! In the center. Just like the pinwheel, spiral galaxies are less likely to support earth-like planets moving out from the center. The outer regions also don't have the heavy elements needed for life. Spiral galaxies are also dangerous to life in the inner regions because of radiation, black holes, and other threats. The planet Earth is located in the most optimal spot in the Milky Way Galaxy to support life. We have all the building blocks necessary for life with an extremely low level of threats to that life.

Back to our star – the sun – for a moment. It is among ten percent of the most massive stars in the galaxy. It is a yellow dwarf star – known as a G2V – and emits the correct balance of red and blue colors to support life. It is also the right mass and could support life for an estimated ten billion years. Our sun is very stable in comparison with other stars – varying its light output less than 1/10th of a percent during a sunspot cycle (about 11 years). The sun also has the perfect metal richness for supporting life on our planet. It is the right kind of light, the right distance from the earth, the right location in the galaxy, the right mass and composition, and the right orbit to give the earth everything it needs, consistently, for a good life.

Next, we look at being in the right place in our solar system. Scientists have been searching for life on other planets in our system for centuries, but they haven't found any. That's because there is only one Habitable Zone in our solar system and the earth is in it. The earth is at exactly the right distance from the sun to support life. Mercury and Venus are too close to the sun and take too long to rotate and orbit the sun. Daytime temperatures on Mercury range from 800 degrees Fahrenheit to -279 degrees Fahrenheit. The gravity on Mercury cannot retain a significant atmosphere and its exosphere is unstable. The average temperature of Venus is 850 degrees Fahrenheit and the atmospheric pressure at the planet's surface is 92 times that of the Earth. The atmosphere of Venus is rich in carbon dioxide and has thick clouds of sulfur dioxide – not conducive to life. The Earth – third planet from the sun (we will see that the number three is a number of Divine Presence in the Bible) – has an average temperature of 45 degrees Fahrenheit and supports millions of different types of life forms – both on land and in water. Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are farthest from the sun and do not have atmospheres or temperatures conducive to life.

When God Created “the heavens and the earth,” He put everything in place for the full support and protection of the life He would Create on earth. For instance, here's another example of the earth being in the perfect Habitable Zone in our solar system. Jupiter is the largest planet in our system – more than 300 times the mass of the earth - and fifth from the sun (we will see that the number five is a number of Divine Protection in the Bible). Because of Jupiter's size and location, it acts as a shield to the earth to protect us from being overwhelmed by comets. Jupiter absorbs and deflects many

comets that may have otherwise collided with the earth. The outer planets Saturn and Uranus have also been involved in deflecting comets from striking the earth. Other problem areas in our solar system are asteroid belts which exist between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. Mars takes a lot of the asteroid hits for us. Venus and the earth's moon also help protect the earth from asteroids.

Speaking of our moon, let's take a closer look at the important part it plays in the life of our planet. God Created the moon to be "the lesser light to rule the night." The word "rule" in Hebrew is *memsalah* and means "govern, dominion, rule, authority, force." Scientists now know that the moon is a "force" on our planet. The moon impacts 60% to the tides on earth – the sun's impact on tides is 40%. Tides play a vital role in moving nutrients from the land into the oceans, which keeps the oceans nutrient-rich. Lunar tides also keep circulation in the oceans moving – which is important to many aspects of the health of the planet. The moon also plays an important role in stabilizing the tilt of the earth's axis – which impacts our seasons. The moon is a "force" that "dominates" our climate for the good. The moon is part of making our location in the solar system a Habitable Zone.

God Created the earth in the perfect place for it to sustain life, to be protected from nearby solar dangers, and to be dominated by two powerful forces (sun and moon) that work together to give life on earth everything it needs to be successful.

God saw that what He had done on Day Four "was good."

Creation - Day Five

God moved next to the waters He called **Seas**. He filled them and the sky above the waters with amazing creatures (*nepes* – “living being, being with the life principle”) of all shapes and sizes.

“Then God said, ‘Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.’ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.” Genesis 1:20-23

God Created “great sea creatures” (*tanniyn* – “dragon, dinosaur, sea monster”). Whales are some of the great sea creatures we can still observe. Other “sea monsters,” like the great dinosaurs that used to populate the seas, are no longer with us. The “living things” that move in the water include fish, dolphins, scallops, squids, porpoise, shrimp, sharks, crabs, clams, eels, sponges, sea worms, turtles, manatees, and sea otters - an estimated 240,000 marine species – and God Created every one of them. And these are just the ones we know about. Marine scientists who are working on a massive census of marine life believe there may be millions more species living in the sea that are yet to be discovered. As scientists are able to go deeper into the seas of the world, they are finding

new creatures that are amazing in their ability to live and thrive at depths that would crush sea creatures that live closer to the surface. We marvel at the complexity of every creature of the sea and at the God Who Created each one.

My wife and I visited a multi-story aquarium years ago with one of our sons and his wife and children and were thrilled to see so many different types of sea life up close. I remember thinking throughout the tour of the aquarium about how each of the creatures we were looking at began in God's Mind. The Almighty God created each one with a special color, beauty and purpose. Some of the creatures may not be beautiful to us, but they are to their Creator. Every living thing that moves in the waters is part of God revealing Himself. We see from the many shapes, sizes and colors that God is a Master Artist.

God also filled the sky with creatures that had wings and could fly above the waters – “every winged bird according to its kind.” God Created thousands of kinds of birds – eagles, egrets, robins, sparrows, bats, cranes, seagulls, ducks, herons, penguins, owls, geese, quail, wren, finch, loons, parrots, doves, pigeons – a truly amazing array of sizes, shapes and colors of living beings that fill the sky with their presence.

Every creature in the sea and sky sings a portion of the Song of the Supernatural. God taught them their part of the Song and they sing it faithfully every day. Take a walk through a large wooded area and you will hear their songs – chirping, whistling, cooing, crying, calling – the songs they sing are the Creation of a Musical God. Just as birds fill the sky with

their songs, so the creatures of the sea faithfully sing their songs as well – the playful song of the dolphin, the quick clicking of the porpoise, the low grunting of a seal, the high-pitched call of the Beluga whale, the haunting cry of the Blue whale, the playful chirping of the penguin. Those are some of the songs we can hear, but there are many more that are outside the range of human hearing. Each creature has a distinct song they sing in harmony with their Creator.

What was God's Will for creatures of the sky and sea? He blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." Be fruitful – multiply – fill. That is God's Will for His creatures. God's Deep Magic was explained to us in the magical language of Hebrew, so let's see what words He used.

"Fruitful" is *parah* and means "to bear fruit, bear young." "Multiply" is *rab* and means "to become much or many, to increase in number." "Fill" is *male* and means "to be abundant and overflowing, to fill a vacant space with its bulk and abundance, to fill up, be full, to satisfy." God Created large spaces – sky and seas – Made living beings for each and told them to be fruitful, multiply and fill those spaces. In doing that, every living creature satisfies the Purpose and Will of the Creator. We see God's satisfaction with what He Created – "And God saw that *it was good.*"

Creation - Day Six

We come now to the final Day of Creation – and it is a grand finale!

“Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind’; and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good.*” Genesis 1:24-25

God now turns His attention to filling the dry land. He brought forth the “living creature” (*remes* – “creeping thing, moving thing”) according to its kind. God Created cattle, creeping things, and every beast of the earth – each according to its kind. The Hebrew word for “kind” is *miyn* and means “form, sort, species.” Scientists have identified about two-million species of living beings on earth, but believe there may be as many as five-million to 100-million species on our planet. Imagine that – 5,000,000 to 100,000,000 species – and God Created them all!

God Created three types of living creatures on dry land – cattle, creeping things, and beasts of the earth. The Hebrew word for “cattle” is *behemah* and means “animal, beast, cattle.” We’ve already seen the word for “creeping things” (*remes*). It comes from the Hebrew word *ramas*, which means “to crawl or move with short steps.” The words for “beast of the earth” are *eres hayyah* and mean “earth living being.” Every living thing on the land (except for humans) is included in this Sixth Day of Creation. God

“made” (*asah* – “do, make, accomplish, perform”) the cattle, creeping things, and beasts of the earth after their kind (species).

If you compare the Creative Work of God to a symphony, He has been building the beauty and suspense of the Supernatural Song toward this next moment.

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’” Genesis 1:26

This is the crowning moment of Creation – God reveals that They are going to Create a living being in Their image – Their likeness! Think about that – God has Created Heaven, angels, water, the firmament, the earth, stars, planets, moons, creatures that swim, fly and walk, but none of them were in God’s image and likeness. Now, on this final Creative Day, the Almighty God is going to Create a living being that will be like Him.

“Let Us make man in Our image.” The Hebrew word for “image” is *selem* and carries the idea of a strong physical likeness to the person or thing it represents. “Likeness” is *demut* and means “resemblance, similar in form, to be like something else in action or appearance.” It comes from the root word *dam*, which means “blood.” Something that is of the same “blood” will have a genetic similarity that manifests itself in physical characteristics. What is the “image” of God? Look at Adam, the first man, and you will see.

The word “man” is a translation of the Hebrew *adam*. It is used in the Bible both for the human race and for the name of the first man – Adam. In the context of Genesis 1:26, the word is used for the race of man, male and female – “let them ...” The idea here is that every member of the human race would be in the image and likeness of God. That image and likeness included God’s moral attributes (e.g. holiness, goodness, kindness, gentleness, meekness, etc.), creativity, and free will.

God Created us with a similar resemblance or form. We have a mind that can dream, create, know, understand and have fellowship with God’s Mind (1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:5). We also have physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual desires. We have a free will to make personal decisions and a built-in moral compass (i.e. conscience) as a guide to help us make judgments. We have a soul that can commune intimately with His Spirit. God Created us to be one even as He is One. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are mind, body and spirit. We don’t look at a man and think of him as three different people – even though he has a body, mind and spirit. We don’t look at God and think of Him as three different Gods – even though He is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is One God - man is one man - woman is one woman. Each has the ability and freedom to make decisions for themselves. That’s how God made us – in His Image.

It’s important to note that God does refer to Himself in Genesis 1:26 as “Us” and “Our.” He chose to speak of Himself in the plural. The Hebrew word for “God” in Genesis 1 is *elohiym* and is used more than 2,500 times in the Old Testament. *Elohiym* is the plural form of *el*, but it is helpful to understand the usage by looking at the pronouns used with *Elohiym*. The pronoun “He”

is often used in Scripture, which gives the impression that God is to be understood as singular. We see that usage in Genesis 1:5 – “God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.” We see the masculine pronoun used again in verse 16 – “Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also.” The next use of a pronoun with *Elohiym* is in verse 26 – “Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.” Remember that God is revealing Himself to His Creation. He presents Himself as both “He” and “Us” – singular and plural.

The student of the Bible should take careful note of the pronouns used with *Elohiym* throughout Scripture. God has revealed Himself as both One God – “The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one!” (Deuteronomy 6:4) – and as Three Names in One – “... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...” (Matthew 28:19). This is another revelation of the Deep Magic of God – He is both **One and Three** at the same time. As we will see, the Oneness of the Three describes both God’s Supernatural Character and the Unity of His Person.

What is the similarity between the Image of God and the image of man? That has long been discussed and debated through the ages. What do we learn from the Mind of God in the context of Genesis 1:26? “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ God has Dominion over all Creation and He gave man “dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all

the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” Man is in the image and likeness of God, and part of that representation is having “dominion” over that which God Created.

The Hebrew word for “dominion” is *radah*. It means “to rule, reign, tread down, subjugate, dominate.” Even as God ruled the universe, He Created man to rule the earth with Him. That is a part of man being Created in the “image” and “likeness” of God.

“So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:27

“Male and female He created them.” The use of the Hebrew word *adam*, followed by the use of “male and female,” is a reminder that God Created both man and woman in His Image.

“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” Genesis 1:28

God blessed the first man and woman told them to: 1) be fruitful and multiply, 2) fill the earth and subdue it, and 3) have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth. God Created the human race to share in ruling a great portion of His Creation – and He did more than just tell them to subdue and have dominion over the earth - God gave them His Power to rule. We’ll see how

that plays out in a few minutes.

The next thing God did was to explain to man how his physical body would be nourished in this new world.

“And God said, ‘See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which *is* on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.’” Genesis 1:29

Adam and his family would live by eating herbs that yield seed from the face of the earth, and fruit from trees. That was true then, and is true now. Vegetation and fruit continue to be the best food for the human body. God Created human cells to recognize the cells of vegetables, herbs and fruit and use them efficiently and effectively to nourish and fuel the human body.

These same vegetables, herbs and fruit would also be food for the creatures humans would rule.

“Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food’; and it was so.” Genesis 1:30

What a day! God began the Sixth Day by Creating every living being on the earth – from the tiger and antelope to the grasshopper and cricket to the stegosaurus and woolly mammoth – and then the crowning achievement of “man” made in the image and likeness of God for the purpose of ruling with God. At the end of the day, God looked at what He had done and was very

pleased.

“Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.”

Genesis 1:31 – 2:1

What should our response be to this amazing achievement? Applause? Cheers? Or silence and awe? The Almighty God, in just six days, Created everything in the universe. It takes away my breath. How can I describe a Being that Powerful, Brilliant, Important – Special? Through His Word and the praises of His people.

“I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.” Psalm 9:1

“Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own strength!
We will sing and praise Your power.” Psalm 21:13

“In God we boast all day long,
And praise Your name forever.” Psalm 44:8

“I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations;
Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.” Psalm 45:17

“Sing out the honor of His name;
Make His praise glorious.” Psalm 66:2

“All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You; They shall sing praises *to* Your name.” Psalm 66:4

“Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.” Psalm 67:3

“I will praise the name of God with a song,
And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.” Psalm 69:30

“Let my mouth be filled *with* Your praise
And with Your glory all the day.” Psalm 71:8

“Let them praise Your great and awesome name—
He *is* holy.” Psalm 99:3

God taught the entire universe to sing the Song of the Supernatural. Each one singing their part in harmony with the entire host of the heavens and the earth. The Song rises in pitch and power to a great crescendo as man recalls the Greatness of the Holy God in the Deep Magic of Creation.

“Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great:
You are clothed with honor and majesty, Who cover *Yourself* with light
as *with* a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain. He lays
the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, Who makes the
clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind, Who makes
His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire. *You who* laid the

foundations of the earth, So *that* it should not be moved forever You covered it with the deep as *with* a garment; The waters stood above the mountains At Your rebuke they fled; At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away. They went up over the mountains; They went down into the valleys, To the place which You founded for them. You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, That they may not return to cover the earth. He sends the springs into the valleys; They flow among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst. By them the birds of the heavens have their home; They sing among the branches. He waters the hills from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works. He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the service of man, That he may bring forth food from the earth, And wine *that* makes glad the heart of man, Oil to make *his* face shine, And bread *which* strengthens man's heart. The trees of the LORD are full *of sap*, The cedars of Lebanon which He planted, Where the birds make their nests; The stork has her home in the fir trees. The high hills *are* for the wild goats; The cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers. He appointed the moon for seasons; The sun knows its going down. You make darkness, and it is night, In which all the beasts of the forest creep about. The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their food from God. *When* the sun rises, they gather together And lie down in their dens. Man goes out to his work And to his labor until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions— This great and wide sea, In which *are* innumerable teeming things, Living things both small and great. There the ships sail about; *There is* that Leviathan

Which You have made to play there. These all wait for You, That You may give *them* their food in due season. *What* You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good. You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; May the LORD rejoice in His works. He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the LORD. May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!" Psalm 104:1-35

This amazing Song begins with God Dwelling in Unapproachable Light - covered with light as *with* a garment. It moves to declare the Majesty of His Creative Act in stretching out the heavens like a curtain and laying the beams of His upper chambers in the waters. The clouds are His chariot. He walks on the wings of the wind. He makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire. But what is this strange sound we hear in the Song - sinners consumed? The wicked no more? What happened to the Harmony of the Song? Harmony is based on a mutual joining and fitting together – an agreement of minds and intents. What happened to the Harmonious Song God shared with His angels and with man?

We learn more about what happened on the Sixth Day of Creation in the Second Chapter of Genesis. It contains more of the “history” (Hebrew – *toledot* – “record, account, history, generations”) of the Creation Week .

“This *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and *there was* no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.” Genesis 2:4-8

The Sixth Day was a busy one for God and man. God “planted” a “garden” eastward in Eden. The word for “planted” is *nata* and means “to plant, establish.” God lived in Eden and Adam lived next door in the garden God planted for him. Keeping in mind that God Created the human race to rule with Him on earth. Eden was God’s Throne on earth and the Garden of Eden was man’s throne on earth. God the Creator had total dominion of Heaven, the heavens and the earth and shared that dominion with man and woman (Genesis 1:28).

“And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”
Genesis 2:9

The garden God planted for Adam was magnificent. It contained every tree that was pleasant to the sight and good for food. The garden also included the “tree of life” and the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” Does that seem a bit strange to you that on the final Day of Creation God would plant a tree that contained the knowledge of good and “evil?” What is this evil? Where did it come from? It seems so out of place in what God would call “very good.” There is no mistake here. God planted the trees of “life” and the “knowledge of good and evil” for a reason we will soon understand.

When God took Adam from Eden eastward to the Garden of Eden, He gave Adam specific instructions as to his responsibility in the garden. He would “tend and keep it.” The Hebrew words are *abad* and *samar*. The word *abad* means “to work, serve, make, do.” In the context of a garden, it means “to work the ground, till the ground, dress a vineyard.” The word *samar* means “to guard, keep safe, protect, preserve, watch over.” That’s an interesting combination: to serve and protect. Sounds like the motto of law enforcement, and that’s exactly what God expected Adam to do. God was the Lawgiver and Adam was to be the enforcer. God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden to serve it and protect it. The garden was to be a safe place based on Adam’s protective care.

God then gave Adam instructions that would help him protect the garden.

“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’” Genesis 2:16-17

There's that tree again – the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam not to eat from that tree “for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” It seems from our reading that there was something magical about that tree. God Created Adam to live forever, but there was something about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that could bring about the death of Adam and the entire human race. On the Day God Created Adam and placed him in the newly planted Garden of Eden – the first human learned that death was a real possibility if he didn't obey God.

I wonder what Adam thought about that. Even though God Created Adam as an adult, he had been alive for only a matter of minutes or hours. Everything was new to him, but he was going to have to learn fast. What was this thing called evil and how could it take Adam's life? We're not told if Adam asked God any questions about evil or if God explained more about evil at that time, but it is clear that Adam had an important job as guardian and protector of the garden.

“And the LORD God said, ‘*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that *was* its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.” Genesis 2:18-20

God Created man to have dominion over the earth, but he was not to do this alone. The first time God uses the phrase “not good” during Creation is about Adam not having a helper comparable to him. Everything else about Creation had been “good” so far. What wasn’t good was man being “alone.” God was going to give Adam a “helper comparable to him.” God brought every beast of the field and every bird of the air to Adam to see what he would call them. Whatever Adam called each living creature was their name. Given the number of animals, creeping things and birds of the air, the task of giving them names would have been a large undertaking to even the brightest people on earth and would probably take months to accomplish even with the help of a high-speed computer. However, Adam had complete use of his brain as an immortal – unlike us mortals who have access to only a small percentage of our brain’s ability - so he was able to name all of the animals and birds in a matter of minutes or a few hours. All of this was accomplished on the Sixth Day of Creation.

I love how God brought each living being to Adam “to see what he would call them.” Can’t you see the great joy God took in Adam? Here was a living being made in the image of God. Adam could think, consider, decide, and speak. God placed within Adam the most amazing abilities that were closest to God Himself. God shared a portion of His Deep Magic with Adam and was pleased by what Adam did in naming all of the creatures God had made.

Adam, being the genius that he was, would have quickly noticed that God had Created two of every kind of animal and bird, but there was no “helper comparable” to him. The Hebrew for “helper” is *ezer*. It means “help, aid,

assist, surround, succour, protect.” It comes from the word *azar*, which means “ally, support.” Both words carry the idea of one having the strength and power to give aid and protection. The Hebrew for “comparable” is *keneged*. It means “suitable, corresponding to, comparable.” Adam did not have a partner with similar power and strength to support him in the great work God had called them to do.

“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Genesis 1:28

God’s intent was that both the male and female of the human race would work together to fill the earth and subdue it. They would both have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moved on the earth. The power and strength of the woman would be comparable to the power and strength of the man. They would rule and reign together.

After Adam saw that he did not have an *ezer keneged*, God performed another act of Deep Magic and Created Woman from the body of the man.

“And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.” Genesis 2:21-22

Here we see the first use of anesthetics. God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam. While Adam was in this deep sleep, God removed one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. God then used the rib He had removed from Adam to make Woman. When God was finished making the Woman, He brought her to Adam. Adam saw her and said, “This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” (Genesis 2:23) Adam had already given names to all of the animals and birds, but he kept one name for the person who would be his partner in ruling the world – Woman (Hebrew – *issah* – “woman, wife, female”). Though Adam was only hours old, he had a great understanding of what a man would do in the future – “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24) The word “wife” is also *issah* – the same word translated as “woman.”

One last thought before the end of the Sixth Day of Creation - “And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.” (Genesis 1:25) The word “naked” is *arom* and means “naked, without clothing.” The words “were not ashamed” are a translation of the Hebrew *bos*, which means “felt no shame.” Take note of the words “naked” and “shame” because they will have a powerful meaning in the Deep Magic to come.

Something else God did during the historical review of the Sixth Day of Creation was to share an insight to the physical location of Eden. He did that by giving clues to the boundaries of the area that encompassed Eden. It is a key to understanding much of the Deep Magic of God on earth. The word Eden means “delight” and was the place where God Created Adam

and his wife. God is Omnipresent (everywhere present at the same time), so He is at the same moment dwelling in Unapproachable Light, on His Throne in Heaven, filling the universe, and on the earth. God called the place of His dwelling on earth at the time of Creation – Eden. God gave the revelation of Creation to Moses, the human author of Genesis, when he was leading God’s people during the middle of the second millennium B.C. Many of the people who read Genesis thousands of years ago would have been familiar with the locations listed.

“Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. The name of the first *is* Pishon; it *is* the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold. And the gold of that land *is* good. Bdellium and the onyx stone *are* there. The name of the second river *is* Gihon; it *is* the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river *is* Hiddekel; it *is* the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river *is* the Euphrates.” Genesis 2:10-14

God planted a garden for Adam and his wife eastward in Eden and watered it from a river that went out of Eden, along with the mist that went up from the ground (Genesis 2:6). The Eden River flowed eastward, parted and became four riverheads. The Pishon River skirted the whole land of Havilah. The Gihon River went around the whole land of Cush. The Hiddekel River went toward the east of Assyria. The Euphrates was the fourth river. Someone reading Genesis 3,500 years ago would have had some understanding about the location of Eden and the Garden of Eden, but it’s not as clear to us today. Two of the rivers, the Pishon and Gihon,

are not known by those names today. The other two, the Hiddekel and Euphrates, are known. Knowing the location of Eden will give us some insight into the Deep Magic of God on earth.

The Pishon River is mentioned only once in the Bible and there is no river with that name in the region today, but we do have a clue that it skirted the whole land of Havilah. Havilah (meaning “sandy stretch”) is the area of the Middle East known as Arabia (Genesis 25:17-19; 1 Samuel 15:7).

The location of the Gihon River is also not known for sure today, but it went around the whole land of Cush. Cush is well-known in the Bible and ancient geography as being a large land mass to the south of Egypt – what we would know today as Sudan. Ancient scholars also thought of Cush as including Ethiopia. The major river that runs through Egypt and Sudan is the Nile River, but the Nile did not get its name until the Greeks named it (Nelios). It could be that the name Moses knew the river by was Gihon.

The Hiddekel River is the Hebrew name for the Tigris River. It “goes toward the east of Assyria.” The Tigris River we know runs from Turkey to southern Iraq where it meets with the Euphrates River, the fourth river mentioned in Genesis 2. The Tigris is east of and runs parallel with the Euphrates. They both begin in Turkey and run through Iraq until they join north of the Persian Gulf. The Tigris and Euphrates impact the areas of four primary modern countries: Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Iran. Moses would have known that area to be known as Mesopotamia (Genesis 24:10; Deuteronomy 23:4). The Hebrew Prophet Daniel, who lived in ancient Persia (modern Iran) received one of his amazing prophecies beside the Tigris River

(Daniel 10:4).

What we see from God's revelation about Eden River parting and becoming four riverheads, the land mass of Eden was enormous – from Syria, Canaan, and Egypt in the west to Mesopotamia in the east to Assyria in the north and Cush to the south. God Created in Eden to the west and moved toward the East to plant the Garden of Eden. As we will see later, the human race would continue to push eastward.

If, as many scholars believe, the Garden of Eden was located in the region of ancient Babylon, where would God's Dwelling Place have been when He Created man? What is the land area that is farthest west of ancient Babylon? Canaan – now modern Israel. As we go forward in our search for the Deep Magic of God, we will see how important the ancient land of Canaan was and is to the Creator.

Creation - Day Seven

As we know, there are seven days in a week. God used the first Six Days to Create everything, so what did He do on the Seventh Day?

“And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.”
Genesis 2:2-3

God rested. Did God rest on the Seventh Day because He was exhausted from the grueling work of Creating the universe and everything in it? The Hebrew language has 20 different words that are translated by the English “rested.” The word *sabat* means “to cease from labor.” God finished Creating on the Sixth Day and was very pleased with it, so He ceased from Creating on the Seventh Day. His Creative Work was finished. There was nothing more for Him to Create, so God used the Seventh Day as a Day to enjoy His Creation and spend time with Adam and his wife. It was a wonderful Day for all of the creatures God Created to sing the Supernatural Song He had placed in their bodies.

“For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.” Exodus 20:11

God planned how He would Create all things with great precision and order. His Design included Six Days of Creative work and one Day of Creative rest. That is an important aspect of the Song of the Supernatural. There is time for work and time for ceasing from work. That time of ceasing is blessed and holy. The Seventh Day is special to God and also to His Creation.

There is a Deep Magic to the “six and seven” combination. We find it in both weeks and years. Remember as we see numbers in the Bible that God is revealing Himself to us. Take note of anytime you see the numbers “six” and “seven” in the Bible.

“Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates.” Exodus 20:9-10

“Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its produce, but the seventh *year* you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave, the beasts of the field may eat. In like manner you shall do with your vineyard *and* your olive grove.” Exodus 23:10-11

God Created the *sabat* as a gift to the humans who would rule with Him. Laboring six days and ceasing labor one day every week has great restorative powers for the human body. Laboring six years and ceasing one

year has great restorative powers for the ground.

“And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: ‘Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it *is* a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that *you* may know that I *am* the LORD who sanctifies you. You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for *it is* holy to you.’” Exodus 31:12-14

The Sabbath Day (*sabat*) is holy to God. The Hebrew word in Genesis 2:3 is *qadas* and means “to be holy, sacred, set apart for sacred service.” Anything that God sanctifies (calls holy) is dedicated for service to Him. God set apart the Seventh Day as a day of service (worship) to Him. God rested from His labor on the Seventh Day and gave that day to the human race as a day of rest, restoration and enjoyment of all that God had done for them. What a wonderful time Adam and his wife must have had resting and rejoicing in Eden with their Creator.

Creation Math

God Created the heavens and the earth and everything in it in Six Days and rested on the seventh. He could have Created everything in one second or two minutes or five hours or ten months or seven years – but He didn't. God chose to Create in Six Days. He chose to rest on the Seventh Day. God is the Author of Deep Magic, so we should take special note about everything He does and says. That's how we learn how to connect to the Song of the Supernatural.

Here are the Creation Numbers and what God accomplished on each Day.

Day One (Sunday) – Light

Day Two (Monday) – Heaven above – Water below

Day Three (Tuesday) – Sea and Earth – Vegetation and Trees on Earth

Day Four (Wednesday) – Sun, Moon and Stars

Day Five (Thursday) – Living creatures in the Seas and the Sky

Day Six (Friday) – Living creatures on land – Human beings

Day Seven (Saturday) – Rest

Deep Magic!

Part Two Publication

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