Genesis 1 thru 6 Chapter 1

The Beginning

The book of Genesis, chapter 1, verse 1.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth.

And science still cannot tell us where that 3mm piece of space dust came from. Who created that? Did it just magically appear? Is that where we are? We have to believe in magic to understand creation from the scientists?

The Big Bang Theory only came into vogue in **1927**, put together by Georges Lemaitre, about 7000 years after the creation of Adam and Eve and heaven knows how long after Father created it in the first place. Billions of years? No doubt.

And between verse 1 and verse 2 of this chapter, **sooo** much happened and to find out what that was, in particular, you have to search around throughout the Scriptures. Father didn't make it easy for us to discover these truths, just as our Lord said that it was not for everyone to understand all of His parables.

Sure, you could make it into the eternity **WITHOUT** understanding all of His parables, but there are a select few that **WILL** understand and going back to the Creation, there are a select few that **will search out the truth** or be taught by a good teacher.

Between verse 1 and verse 2 there was an age before the one that we are currently living in...the first heaven/earth age. This is where we get all the fossil remains of dinosaurs and such. Millions of years ago? Certainly. Science is not wrong about that.

"Well, what does the Bible say about dinosaurs?"

Let's go to the book of Job and find out. He never leaves us wanting...

- ★ Job 40:15 Behold now **behemoth**, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.
- ★ Job 40:16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.
- ★ Job 40:17 **He moveth his tail like a cedar**: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.
- ★ Job 40:18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron.
- ★ Job 40:19 He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him. KJV

The rest of chapter 40 and all of chapter 41 talks about the behemoth, the dinosaur. The translation in the King James will tell you that this is referring to a *hippopotamus* or an *alligator* but that's a bad translation.

He moveth his tail like a cedar. There's only one animal that comes to mind whose tail is as large as a cedar tree, especially the cedar trees of Lebanon, and that's a dinosaur.

Let's go to the book of 2nd Peter and read what he had to say about these different heaven/earth ages:

- \star 2nd Peter 3:5 For this they **willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, **and the earth standing out of the water and in the water**:
 - ★ 2nd Peter 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

The first heaven/earth age. Now gone.

The firmament from verse 6 was water that completely surrounded this earth in the first earth age. There was no water on this planet in that first earth age, only the dew that accumulated from the moisture in the air, as it settled on each leaf to water it. How do we know that? Let's go to Revelation to find out:

★ Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:

The third heaven/earth age. We are living in the second heaven/earth age.

for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. KJV

And there was no more sea. This is the condition of the earth during the Eternal Kingdom. All the water that is on the surface of this earth today will be put back into that firmament for the protection of our spiritual bodies, as it was in the first heaven/earth age.

As it was in the beginning, so shall it be in the end. And vice versa. No oceans, rivers, streams or lakes in the eternity and none of these things in the first earth age.

Why was that water surrounding this earth in the first place? To protect the spiritual bodies from the sun, of course. Why is it not necessary for flesh and blood bodies? Because the ozone layer protects us.

 \bigstar 2nd Peter 3:7 **But the heavens and the earth, which are now**, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

This present heaven/earth age. The one that will culminate with the destruction of *ungodly men*. And the third and final heaven/earth age will be brought in and called the Eternity, after the Millennium is over, when that new city Jerusalem descends from heaven:

- ★ Revelation 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, **new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven**, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- ★ Revelation 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, **Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men**, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. KJV

What was on earth in that first heaven/earth age? Vegetation covered most of the earth. That's why I believe Father created such monstrous creatures as the dinosaurs, to eat the vegetation and keep it under control, keep it from overtaking the planet.

The neck of a dinosaur sometimes reached a length of 50' or more, 6 times longer than the giraffes of today, making it able to feed off the top of many trees without having to knock them down.

Let's go to Jeremiah and see what he says about this age:

★ Jeremiah 4:23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light.

This is a direct reference to Genesis 1:2.

❖ Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. KJV

In the Hebrew language, the words *without form, and void*, are *tohu va-bohū*, which will come up quite often as we study the early creation chapters.

Father has already taken the waters of the firmament and placed them on the earth, covering and destroying everything. And this word *was* should have been translated as *became*. Through the actions of our Father this planet **BECAME** void and without form. He didn't create it that way. The fossil remains of prehistoric animals proves that beyond doubt.

★ Jeremiah 4:24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

Referencing *Genesis 1:9-10*, as Father caused the earth's surface to move, the huge giant plates that cover this planet, that move and shift constantly to adapt to the ever-changing pressures from within, to create mountains and valleys and coastlines.

- **★** Genesis 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
- **★** Genesis 1:10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. KJV

Back to Jeremiah...

★ Jeremiah 4:25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

These birds are not the robins or the finches or the blue jays. Nope, they are the **suliformes**, the **cormorants** and **shags**; the flightless **phorusrhacids** with the hooked beak, used to tear meat from the bone, also called the terror birds; the **pterosaurs**, flying reptiles, and the **pterosaurs**, the dinosaur birds.

There was no man. The word man here is generic for those in angelic bodies, but it also points out that there was no creation of human men/women in this age. It would not be until Genesis 1:26 where Father will create the first human beings, all the different races that we see still today.

★ Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. KJV

Who were those in angelic bodies? All the host of heaven. Every soul that Father created at that one moment in time. A crude estimation of the number of those souls would be around 14-15 billion. Father doesn't do anything on a small scale.

Remember the ladder that Jacob saw in his vision, the one with angels coming up and down from heaven? They were in heaven and on earth. Their choice. Angels are the souls of people walking around today, Father just put them in a different body for this time of testing.

★ Genesis 28:12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. KJV

Is Father showing us that this happened all the time in the first heaven/earth age, is this an example of what was going on? I believe so.

★ Jeremiah 4:26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the <u>cities</u> thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger.

Cities! Well, if man had not been created as yet, who built those cities? The angels. Those souls in spiritual bodies. Those souls that will eventually be placed in every human being ever born.

Spiritual bodies are not wisps of smoke, they don't just pass through walls and such. They're not Casper the friendly ghost nor are they apparitions. They have substance to them and they look just like you and me.

★ Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: **for thereby some have entertained angels unawares**. KJV

But there is a difference in what makes up the spiritual body. Although it can eat the same food that we eat, and we can eat the same food that they eat, manna, the substance of it is different. It's an eternal body unless Father is forced to destroy it because of our own actions in this life.

And while I'm here, let's discuss a not-so-socially-correct question: the food that we eat in these flesh and blood bodies is nutritional for cell building and such and what remains, after that physical process, exists the body in the form of fecal material. In the medical field it's referred to as "stool".

Father doesn't mention this very much but it's one of the hygiene rules set forth in the Old Testament...

★ Deuteronomy 23:12 Thou shalt have a place also **without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad:**

That is, do it outside of the throng of people, away from the main camp.

★ Deuteronomy 23:13 And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, **when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee**:

Take the shovel, probably attached to the inside of a metal shield that they used to protect themselves during times of war and dig a hole and cover up *that which cometh from thee.* You know what that is so don't look at me like that.

That was a common practice during wars such as WW1 and WW2. Usually a long trench was dug and after one did his/her business, they used their shovels to cover it up. In Nam, it was put in 55-gallon drums, cut in half with a torch, and then diesel fuel poured on top and burned.

But since there were/are not Port-O-Potties in heaven, does Manna produce a fecal material in a spiritual body as it does in the flesh and blood body? I don't see how that is even remotely possible, so it must be that the Manna is absorbed into the spiritual body leaving no residue.

★ Deuteronomy 23:14 For the Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; **therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee**. KJV

Why am I bringing this up? Because during the 40 years of wandering in the desert, how did they go to the bathroom? I mean, there were upwards of ¾-1 million people in that crowd and Father has already told us that their clothing and sandals **NEVER** were out during that time, so He had his hand in taking care of their clothing...

★ Deuteronomy 29:5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: **your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot**. KJV

Just wondering, as I'm sure you probably were.

★ Jeremiah 4:27 For thus hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; **yet will I not make a full end**. KJV

He will destroy that first heaven/earth age but not the entire planet. He will redo the surface of the earth to accommodate human life, to allow us to grow and prosper and be happy in Him. That perfect life that Father had envisioned for us has been destroyed by Satan and his angels.

There is a phrase used by our Father and it goes: "from the foundation of the world." Foundation is the important word....

★ Foundation_ NT:2602 katabole (kat-ab-ol-ay'); from NT:2598; a deposition, i.e. founding; figuratively, conception: KJV - conceive, foundation.

Foundation means from the beginning, from the conception, from the original creation period. This is the time when Satan, full of pride in himself, created a rebellion in an attempt to take control of the Mercy Seat and fully one-third of all the souls followed after him, made up his spiritual army.

★ Revelation 12:4 **And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven**, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. KJV

They followed Satan back then as they are here.

This is the event that caused Father to end the first heaven/earth age and begin the one that we are now in. When the rebellion was squashed, Father was left with two choices: destroy one-third of His children's souls, amounting into the billions, or condemn Satan to death and allow each soul to come through this age, without knowledge of the previous age, and decide who they would love more: Father or Satan.

Father would give us this book, the Bible, to rely on for faith, strength and knowledge, while Satan would have the trappings of the world to tempt us to follow him.

That's the reason that we are in flesh and blood bodies today.

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Let's take stock of where we are here. The surface of this earth no longer looks like it did in the first heaven/earth age; the water that once surrounded this blue planet now rests on the surface and the transformation will continue.

Where does that wooly mammoth fit in, the one that I mentioned at the beginning of this study? It was during this period of change that I believe the earth was thrown out of its perfect alignment with the sun because, as any good land surveyor can tell you, there are **TWO** "norths" to deal with when they are performing a land survey.

One is called "true north" and the other is called "magnetic north". True north can be determined by sighting an instrument on the star Polaris, also called the north star. (Wow. That makes sense, doesn't it?)

Father changed the axis of this planet to about 10 degrees off center, depending on where you are. Sometimes its as much as 27 degrees. When the earth was on its true axis we had a perfect planet with constant temperatures, as can be seen from the vegetation still in the mouth and stomach of this wooly mammoth who was found deep in the ice in Antarctica. What is now covered with snow and ice, a mile and a half deep, was once a lush, green landscape.

They've even found petrified palm tree stumps on the other pole, up in the Arctic.

And instead of a constant temperature, we have extremes ranging from minus191 degrees Fahrenheit to plus 134 degrees Fahrenheit. All a product of the earth's axis being skewed and as the northern pole tilts towards the sun, the southern pole tilts away from the sun, this tilting being reversed once a year, giving the entire planet four different seasons, with the exception of the extreme poles.

Somewhere between the time that Father caused the firmament waters to cascade down on the earth and the tilting of the planet off-axis, there was an instantaneous freeze, thus catching that wooly mammoth totally off guard, as he stood there grazing on some lush grass and flowers. One moment he has a normal body temperature, the next moment he is frozen solid.

Before we go on, I have to bring this up....the question is: does all the raw petroleum found underground, around the world, come from dead dinosaurs? The answer to that question is an emphatic **NO**.

Underground petroleum doesn't come from the largest animals on earth, it comes from the smallest microorganisms on earth called **plankton**. All raw petroleum originated at the bottom of oceans from the dying organisms, plankton, that drifted to the bottom.

Which leads us into making another wise deduction: it means that the oil fields out in Texas were once under water for an excessively long period of time. This, of course, had to happen after Father took the water from the firmament and covered the earth with it.

I will also point out that the word **was** in the previous verse, should have been translated as **became** because, as we can see, the earth was **NOT** created void and without form, but instead, **BECAME** that way, at the movement of our Father's hand.

Let's go to the book of Isaiah and read a second witness to this event:

★ Isaiah 45:18 For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

★ Isaiah 45:19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. KJV

He created it not in vain. Not in vain! Not in confusion. Not a desolate waste. It was created as a beautiful planet.

He formed it to be inhabited. And His animals roamed wherever they wanted to roam, the angels went wherever they wanted to go, alternating, I would suppose, between being in the presence of our Father and being busy on this earth.

And He didn't do it in some secret, dark place on earth, He did it right out in the open for all creation to see and observe. Only after the revolution by Satan and his cohorts did the Divine Plan change. What prompted that change? Free will. The same free will that you and I have today.

Satan, created in that perfect image, swelled with pride to the point that he thought he was stronger and more powerful than our Father. He considered himself to be God....

★ Ezekiel 28:2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God; **Because thine** heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: KJV

What was Satan's job, his duties, in that first heaven/earth age?...

★ Ezekiel 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. KJV

Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth. Covereth what? The Mercy Seat. The Seat of God Himself. He was one of two cherubim that protected this Throne. Of the second cherub we know nothing about, but there is the reason for the revolution. He considered himself to be **A** god and therefore wanted to rule from the very Throne that belonged to the Creator.

★ Ezekiel 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, **till iniquity was found in thee**. KJV

There you have it. He was created perfect in all his ways. That's why he was chosen as one of the guards or protectors of the Throne. Were the other cherubim created in the same way? It's my opinion that he was and the reason that we don't know anything about him is that he probably served our Father in a way that pleased Him very much.

Do you see the demonstration of free will that Father gave everybody? We weren't all a bunch of robots, machines with artificial intelligence, we were living, breathing beings, created with the ability to make decisions, even way back then. And the same as it is today.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

This is not the light given off by the sun or the moon, they haven't been created as yet.

"Well, then where did this light come from?"

It came from our Father, from the *Shekinah Glory* that surrounds Him constantly. Revelation gives us a look at what that glory will do in the eternal age and it was so at the beginning of creation:

★ Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. KJV

Also in the book of John...

- ★ John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ★ John 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.
- ★ John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- ★ John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- ★ John 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. KJV

Verse 5 gives us a picture of this world during this transition. The presence of God had left, the firmament had fallen, and the spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, began to move and change. It was this light that gave light to all and everything. Can we find this written anywhere else? Glad you asked....

★ Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. KJV

As it was in the beginning, so it shall be in the end. During the eternal age the planet will revert back to the same condition it was in before the revolt of Satan. And up to this point, there is no need for the sun nor the moon because the light of God and our Lord illuminated the entire planet.

However, the sun, the moon, and the lights from the stars will be created on the 4th day, Genesis 1:14.

★ Genesis 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: KJV

As we continue with creation, I want to insert some verses, words spoken by *Wisdom* herself....

- ★ Proverbs 8:22 The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.
- ★ Proverbs 8:23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

Before Father even decided to create this great planet.

★ Proverbs 8:24 When there **were no depths**, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

There was no water at all in the beginning.

- When there were no fountains abounding with water. No rivers, no waterfalls.
- ★ Proverbs 8:25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

After the water in the firmament was placed on the earth and before He set the boundaries of the oceans.

- ★ Proverbs 8:26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
- ★ Proverbs 8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:
- ★ Proverbs 8:28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:
- ★ Proverbs 8:29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

The limits of the seas and the oceans being set by the higher elevations of the land and mountains.

- ★ Proverbs 8:30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;
- ★ Proverbs 8:31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. KJV

Wisdom delighted with the sons of men, the angels in spiritual bodies. You and me. Wisdom is an intangible force. We think that wisdom comes from experience, from making mistakes and correcting them; from living life over many decades and experiencing people, weather, wars, and all sorts of change.

But that's not what these verses say. They say that wisdom was with the Father before He created anything. So, **true wisdom** comes from our Father, not through worldly experiences.

Genesis 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Why does it say, "evening and the morning?" Why not "morning and the evening?" Because in the Jewish world their day begins at evening, at sundown while our morning begins with the sunrise. No more complicated than that.

But what may be complicated is how long one of these "days" really is. Dr. Bullinger, the composer of the Companion Bible, has this to say about it...

"Evening.....morning" is a figure of speech called a **synecdoche** which means Transfer: an exchange of one idea for another associated idea. The beginning and end of anything is put for the whole of it.

Which means that the words "evening and morning" would indicate an entire day without having to actually specify it. Dr. Bullinger continues...

"First day equals day one. The word day may refer to a prolonged period when used without any qualifying words. But when qualified with a numeral (cardinal or ordinal) it is defined and limited by it to a day of 24 hours. It is further limited here by its boundaries "evening and morning", as well the 7th day".

What is a cardinal number? It's one, two, three, etc.

What is an ordinal number: **First, second, third**, etc.

From appendix 11 in the Companion Bible:

"The word "day" is never used for a year. Sometimes a corresponding number of days is used for a corresponding number of years but in that case, it is always expressly stipulated."

An example of the above can be found in the book of Numbers:

- ★ Numbers 14:33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness **forty years**, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness.
- ★ Numbers 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even **forty days**, **each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, **even forty years**, and ye shall know my breach of promise. KJV

Another example is found in the book of Ezekiel:

- ★ Ezekiel 4:4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.
- ★ Ezekiel 4:5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. KJV

Back to Dr. Bullinger's explanation:

"It is not said that a day means a year; but the number of the forty years is said to be "after the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days"

Now, let's go to the book of 2nd Peter and read what he has written by the Holy Spirit:

★ 2nd Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, **that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.** KJV

It is a common belief among Christians that this verse means that one day of creation is equal to a period of one thousand years thus giving us, including the seventh day of rest for our Father, a time span of 7000 years.

I think that that's absolutely ridiculous. It takes a thousand years for our Creator to create something? Nonsense! So, let's look at what the subject was that Peter was talking about. He's saying that in the last days there will be people that will scoff or make fun of those expecting the end to come, because it's been centuries so far and it still hasn't come yet.

The subject is something taking a very long time. He continues by saying that people forget or don't even know about the first heaven/earth age, which was eons ago. A long time ago. And this heaven/earth age, which is now, will continue to be until our Lord destroys it by fire. Which has yet to happen and doesn't look like it will happen any time soon, according to the scoffers.

Then he speaks of one day being a thousand years in God's mind, indicating that no matter how impatient man might get at the coming of the Lord taking so long, that God has no concept of time in His realm.

One day or a thousand years. Makes no difference to the One that created time. And how do we keep track of time? By the relationship of the earth to the sun. Calendars and such. Watches.

How did our Father measure or mark time before He created the sun? He didn't. How do you measure time for One who has existed always? You don't and neither does He. The only part of His creation that is concerned with time is human beings. Animals don't care; fish don't care; birds don't care. And without the earth rotating around the sun, we wouldn't have any concept of time either.

Did the souls that occupied heaven and earth in the first heaven/earth age concern themselves with time? I don't think so. There was no sun and moon and the earth back then.

Just so that I cover this subject completely, there is also a day known as "the Lord's day", and this particular phrasing is only found once in the Bible and it's in Revelation 1:10...

★ Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit **on the Lord's day**, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, KJV

St. John was taken in the spirit to a day known as *the Lord's day*. He was not taken physically because this day is yet future, but Father took his soul and spirit to that time and what was happening on that particular day? It was the day that our Lord, once again, placed His feet on this planet. It is the day that He will return to us to begin a period of time known as the **Millennium**.

And how long is a Millennium? It's a **thousand years**, of course. Many people think of the Lord's day as being Sunday, the one day of the week that we go to church and supposedly worship Him. Others will relate the Lord's day to the Millennium and say that this day IS a thousand years in length.

However you approach this subject, it is not going to affect whether you make it into the eternity or not but I, personally, think that this day, the Lord's day, is the day that He returns to us. Plain and simple. Don't make a religion out of this. Accept what your understanding of it is and get on with it.

★ Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. KJV

No need for a sun nor a moon in the first heaven/earth age. And if we read *Psalms 90:4*, we find that a thousand years and yesterday is the same thing to our Father.

★ Psalms 90:4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. KJV

The problem with human beings is that we keep trying to put **OUR** thoughts in **HIS** mind, rather than putting **HIS** thoughts in **OUR** mind.

This *watch* spoken of in that verse doesn't mean a timepiece worn on your wrist but rather a period of time for the Centurions to keep a patrol on a night watch or a shift. Like working the graveyard shift.

And many Christians that believe that one day of creation is equal to a thousand years now extrapolate that knowledge and state that this earth is only 6000 years old which is also absurd.

Dr. Bullinger is basing his explanation on the use of Hebrew idioms, figures of speech and how cardinal and ordinal numbers are used throughout Scripture. And without understanding the use of figures of speech, one will never get a full understanding of some verses.

The English language is so full of figures of speech we could hardly complete a sentence without using one. Can you dig it?

So, you can believe what you like but personally I believe that *one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day* is simply telling us that time means nothing to our Father, while it seems to be quite important to mankind.

Genesis 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

Genesis 1:7 And 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.

Genesis 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

The firmament is simply the expanse of the sky as we stand here and look up at it. Some call it outer space, some call it the heavens. And the water on the earth is divided from the moisture in the atmosphere, both of which, under the right conditions, creates rain and thunderstorms and such.

Before the first man went into space every drop of water that was here at the time of the creation remained right here. Water evaporated from the oceans and seas, went into the atmosphere, condensed into clouds and thunderstorms, and the rain produced fell on the land and ran off into the ocean and seas again by way of streams and rivers and the cycle repeats itself in a never-ending cycle.

And before I forget to write this, have you noticed that of the 31 verses in this chapter, every verse except verse 1 begins with the word *and*? That is a writing technique called a "*polysyndeton*" which means the repetition of some parts of speech in different inflections. It also means a continuation of events, although each succeeding event may be different from the preceding. It can also mean that there is more insinuated than what is actually written.

Genesis 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

This should be pretty easy for everyone to understand. Here on the east coast, if you drive up into the Smoky Mountains, there are areas that are barren of trees and vegetation and you can see the rock or granite exposed and you can tell from the rock itself and the cracks around it that something pushed this material upwards from down below. It all appears to be on a slant.

And that is exactly what happened. This planet is covered with tectonic plates that are in constant motion. If they weren't, the surface of the earth would explode, in various places, from the internal pressures. These cracks and fissures allow the pressure to be released. Quite the reason that we have volcanos.

These plates were there in the first heaven/earth age as well, it's just that for Father to create boundaries for the oceans and seas there had to be something other than flat land, there had to be land of higher elevations than sea level.

And it's my belief that Father caused these plates to come together or have one ride up and over another adjacent to it and therefore push trillions of tons of rock and dirt into piles that we call mountains.

An overly simplistic explanation of something that must have been awesome to see happen. Mountains erupting from the terrain, the noise of all that movement, rocks being lifted up thousands of feet into the air, the water being pushed back, explosions all around, the grinding of huge boulders, crashing against one another.

An awesome frightening sight. Let's read of it in Psalms:

- ★ Psalms 104:5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.
- ★ Psalms 104:6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

He covered the earth with the water from the firmament.

- ★ Psalms 104:7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.
- ★ Psalms 104:8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

As the earth shook and changed, the upheaval created mountains and valleys.

★ Psalms 104:9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth. KJV

Once established, the water would never again cover the earth entirely. Remember the rainbow?

Genesis 1:10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

Have you ever wondered why the Great Lakes is fresh water while the oceans and seas are salt water? Was the water that surrounded and protected this earth in the first heaven/earth age salty? The answer is no.

Lakes are not salty because rainwater fills them up and from there it drains into rivers and streams and eventually into the oceans, seas, and gulfs.

The oceans and seas are salty because the rain that falls on the ground contains dissolved carbon dioxide from the air. The salt comes from the rocks and ground as they dissolve and its all washed into the oceans. Imagine how long it took the oceans to become as salty as they are.

Genesis 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

Genesis 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

When the waters receded, by virtue of the changed terrain, it was now bare soil. All the vegetation of the first heaven/earth age is gone. And now we have the grass and the trees and the fruit trees and herb plants that will sustain us until our Lord returns.

This earth doesn't need mankind to maintain it, Father made sure that it could take care of itself. Mankind doesn't need to plant seeds, the fruit itself contains the seeds necessary to keep growing spring after spring, season after season.

But still man needs to screw around with Father's nature.

"I know! Let's make a seedless watermelon!"

And even at that they failed. These watermelons are full of seeds. Not the big black ones that Father put there but small, immature pale ones.

Then they thought that they would make some foods last longer by killing microorganisms with iodized irradiation. Even the stupid ones among us didn't think that was a good idea.

We have crops being fertilized with human and animal feces in foreign countries and imported into the U.S. Even our own home-grown crops have E. coli organisms in them, making them inedible, causing people to get sick to the point of dying.

How in the world do you get E. coli in lettuce or cucumbers? Don't we have government inspectors to look out for stuff like that? Right. What planet did you say you came from?

And if that's not bad enough, you've got nose-pickers and butt-scratchers, spitting and peeing on your food at your local McDonalds before it's served to you.

Genesis 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Genesis 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

Stars and galaxies and supernovas; constellations and solar systems. Black holes and black matter. Venus, Uranus, Mars and so on. A lesser light than the sun and the moon but light nonetheless. Stars are used primarily for navigation while constellations are used for planting crops. A superficial description of a deep subject. If this piques your interest, appendix 12 in the Companion Bible will give you more information on this subject.

Genesis 1:16 And 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.

Genesis 1:17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

Genesis 1:18 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.

The sun and the moon.

Genesis 1:19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Genesis 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

Genesis 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

Genesis 1:23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

The fish of the sea, great whales that breathe air, and birds of all kinds, all species.

Genesis 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

Genesis 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

The beast of the earth after his kind. Generally, the wild animals that roam freely and eat of the earth.

Cattle after their kind. Generally, means any large or four-footed animal.

Everything that creepeth on the earth. Creeping thing is any reptile or other fast-moving creature.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

And God said. Who was our Father speaking to? In His realm we know that there were the Zoon or Zoa, there were archangels, cherubim and such, and the "host of heaven", all the souls that He created for His pleasure, those that we commonly refer to as angels:

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. KJV

According to the Hebrew language, man is a generic word to represent human beings in general.

★ Man_ OT:120 'adam (aw-dawm'); from OT:119; ruddy i.e. a human being (an individual or the species, mankind, etc.):

The beginning of mankind, of humanity, the 6th day creation of flesh and blood.

I don't want you to gloss over the meaning of these two words, *image* and *likeness*, because they have two distinct and different meanings:

★ Image_ OT:6754 tselem (tseh'-lem); from an unused root meaning to shade; a phantom, i.e. (figuratively) illusion, resemblance; hence, a representative figure, especially an idol:

I believe that this refers to facial qualities.

★ Likeness_ OT:1823 demuwth (dem-ooth'); from OT:1819; resemblance; concretely, model, shape; adverbially, like:

I believe that this refers to the body structure, in appearance only.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

He created men and women at the same time. This is **NOT** the creation of Adam and Eve. They will be an 8th day creation, specifically for the purpose of bringing forth the Messiah that would die for the sins of the entire world.

These men and women are the ethnic peoples of the world, the different races.

And if we were created in His likeness, His image, it means that we must look, in appearance and body structure, just like our Father. He looks like a human being.

Jesus came in a flesh and blood body so that He could die on the cross for the sins of mankind. If He had come in His spiritual body He could not have been killed or crucified because only our Father can kill a spiritual body, but the outward appearance of both His spiritual and earthly body looked exactly the same.

It's the makeup of the body that is different, it's the substance that's unique. And why did Father create us in these earthly bodies? It all goes directly back to the war in heaven, the revolution of Satan and those that followed after him.

Satan wanted to take control of heaven and govern as he saw fit and how he convinced himself that he could pull that off is beyond me. He didn't have the powers to create anything, he couldn't kill anything, he couldn't change the surface of the earth, he could do nothing that our Father could. But he was consumed with himself, his own beauty. Let's let Father talk to us about him...

★ Ezekiel 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

The king of Tyrus is another name for Satan. He was full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

★ Ezekiel 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

He was in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. He was represented as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

★ Ezekiel 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

He was one of two cherubim that protected the Mercy Seat, he walked on Mount Zion and he was as close to Gods' altar as anyone could get.

★ Ezekiel 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Iniquity is the same as sin. He was perfect until the sin of pride took over and once that happened it seems that good sense left him, and he became as a maniac in his hatred and his determination to kill God.

★ Ezekiel 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. KJV

He was given a sentence of spiritual death after that *katabole*' with no chance of being pardoned. I don't think he would have taken a pardon if one was offered to him. His determination is resolute and in the five-month period immediately following the thousand years of the Millennium, he will have another opportunity to deceive those souls that participated in that time.

★ Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, **Satan shall be loosed out of his prison**,

After the Millennium is over.

★ Revelation 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

He will have another five-month period in which to tempt Father's children, just as he had five-months before the Millennium.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Be fruitful means to have children. Lots of them. From this point on Father's Plan will be to take every soul that He created at the beginning and place one in that small embryo growing in a mothers' womb. And this will be repeated until **EVERY** soul created comes through this life in an earthly body.

Rather than doing this, what was the alternative? Kill or destroy the one-third of all the children that followed Satan during that revolution. And the number of those souls goes into the billions. Could you do that to your children? Even if you only had two or three? How about five billion or more?

Replenish means "to fill or refill." Before that war in heaven there were billions of souls in spiritual bodies on this planet and during this heaven/earth age those same souls will replenish and fill this world again.

And Father has given us domain over the fish and the fowls and the cattle and the wild beasts to use for food. Not to kill, mount, and hang on a wall in your study or family room to prove what a man or woman you are. They are to be used for food, for sustenance, for good.

Some people wonder whether an animal has a soul or not. We know that they will be in heaven with us and probably the Millennium as well:

- ★ Isaiah 11:6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
- ★ Isaiah 11:7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ★ Isaiah 11:8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.
- ★ Isaiah 11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. KJV

These verses could be interpreted as the eternity being a place without violence, without carnivores, without killing of any kind, where there is peace and tranquility between every living thing. But personally, I do believe that animals have a soul and spirit just like we do. I don't, however, believe that that applies to creepy, crawly things.

The difference between our soul and that of an animal is that animals don't have to make the same decision as we do. They don't have to choose whether they love our Father or Satan, they are innocent in that respect.

But I do believe that Father loves His animals as He does us. And I know that everything created has a purpose. Everything. Father didn't create anything that was useless from the beginning.

Genesis 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Genesis 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. KJV

What a record of creation. As a child being raised by a Catholic mother, I went to a Catholic school for my first eight years and during that time, I went to Mass six days a week. I was taught from the book of Catechism. Later in life I went to church sporadically but in all my years of going to church I was **NEVER** taught any of these deeper truths.

Once I learned about the three heaven/earth ages, I learned my purpose in life. I understood what happened and why. Other parts of the Bible seemed to fall into place after I obtained this background information.

So, this brings up a very important question: what are churches afraid of? Why do they deliberately keep their congregation in the dark? Why are preachers restricted to teaching only baptism, salvation, and the rapture theory?

Because Satan is in control of these churches, that's why. He does his best work through the men and women that stand behind the pulpit. Jesus loves you, God forgives and don't worry about the rest of it because you're going to be raptured out of here before anything serious happens.

Anybody that believes in the rapture theory, the any-moment doctrine and the fly-away nonsense already has the mark of the beast **IN** their forehead. Satan has them in his pocket and they don't even realize it. And they drag their children into it, right along with them.

We have five more chapters to go here in Genesis and I believe they are the most important chapters in the Bible. These chapters give us more information than one could ever learn if they spent five lifetimes in a church.

And once people understand these chapters, the blinders, placed on them by organized religion, will come off and they'll be able to see many things more clearly.

God bless.