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**CREATION AND FORMATION**

Sermon by Dr. C. E. Parham at Bryan Hall Friday Night.

In this we seek to answer the questions of skeptics and infidels in regard to the creation, where Cain got his wife, the reason of the flood, the base conception of purgatory, the second chance theorists and universal salvationists.

Long ago, the theory that the seven days' creation were of twenty-four hours' duration began to lose its force upon the minds of people, and today is found only in narrow intellects with a moss-covered growth. The sun, moon and stars, which govern man's computation of time, did not exist until after the fourth day. These were God's days, reckoned from the standpoint of eternity, computed by the mind that governs the same, with whom "A day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years a day." (II Peter, III, 5). The Jewish Talmud declares: "A day of God is a thousand years." The day of creation spoken of in Genesis, II, 4, is not a twenty-four-hour day, but is used as we refer to the day of Washington, day of Napoleon, meaning a period; so this in Genesis refers to the period of creation.

During the first day (age or thousand years) the Bible and science beautifully agree. The earth was without form and void and "darkness was upon the face of the deep." The spirit of God moved upon this nebulous mass. When he said: "Let there be light, and there was light."

During the second day (age or thousand years), God separated the waters from the first evolving earth, thus forming rings around the earth, as they exist around the planet Saturn. The flood being the result of these contracting rings, drawn to the earth by the power of gravitation.

In the third day (age or thousand years), the waters remaining on the earth were gathered into the seas. There being no sun, the earth brought forth a gigantic fungus growth. The Bible description declares this to have the appearance of grass and trees. This is proved not only by scientific lore, but by the literal Hebrew translation, which declares it was tender grass. The seed of the tree was in itself evidencing a mushroom growth. This vegetation, producing phosphorus, the world would be humiliated to some extent.

The fourth day (age or thousand years), through this age the power of God controlling planetary systems, the four other planets penetrated the vaporous masses surrounding this earth, dividing the day from the night, to be for signs, for seasons, for days and for years. During this age nebulous masses through the universal heat forth, burning themselves into permanent stars.

In the fifth day (age or thousand years) God spoke into existence the living creatures of sea and air, and the law governing their propagation. Through the effect of the sun, vegetation had gradually changed until the birds of the air revelled in the delights of gigantic forests of boundless meadows most luxuriantly carpeted, thus preparing the earth for the animal life of the sixth day.

During the sixth day (age or thousand years) the most marvelous creation of animal life was produced. Serpents and lizards had wings; quadrupeds were mastodons of gigantic proportions. Then God said: "Let us make man in our own image, male and female." Here were created the first inhabitants of the earth, having everlasting human life, who bore the stamp and attributes of Divinity, whose fall was most pitiful, whose destruction most complete.

The difference between these people and the Adamic race of the eighth day was they were created, had domination and authority, while Adam was formed from the earth (earthy) and put in the garden to tend it. According to the teaching of orthodox theologians the second chapter of Genesis is explanatory of the first. God had to repent. His deity would know it was true. Infidels found irreconcilable passages, the one contradicting the other. The word creation does not imply formation; dominion and authority fail to tally with being put in a garden to tend it.

During the closing years of the sixth age, and all of the Sabbath age, or thousand years, when God rested this creation, was obeying the command to increase, multiply and replenish the earth yet in the opening of the eighth day (age or thousand years) the second chapter fifth verse, boldly declares: "The Lord God said: 'Let us make man to till the soil.'" For this purpose was Adam formed, from whose rib Eve was made; for whose benefit God formed a second and different race of beasts and fowls, placing them in the garden, a portion of the earth not then inhabited, separated from the rest of the world, called Eden. We believe it to have been the lost continent of Atlantis of which there remains today only the islands of the West Indies.

After Adam had sinned, he was driven from this Paradise, but received the promise of a Redeemer, which the created race never obtained.

When Cain killed his brother he fled to the land of Nod, there took unto himself a wife, one of the sixth day creation. Thus began the awful intermarriage of races for which cause the flood was sent in punishment, and has ever been followed by plagues and incurable diseases upon the third and fourth generation, the offspring of such marriages. Were time to last and intermarriage continue between the whites, the blacks and the reds of America, consumption and other diseases would soon wipe the mixed bloods off the face of the earth.

In the sixth chapter of Genesis, "when the sons of God (the sixth day creation) saw the daughters of men (the Adamic race) they took them wives of all that they chose." When God beheld man created in his own image—giving themselves over to the gratification of every fleshly pleasure whose every imagination and thought was on evil continually, he grieved in His heart to see creatures such exalted origin and purpose surrendered to such a contemptible delusive lie. None of these people could ever be—tho' they passed upon Adam and his descendants; hence the flood was necessary to destroy them. When the intermarriage occurred between the races, the offspring became giants, mighty men of renown.

The infinite mercy of God manifested itself. A respite of 120 years was granted in which men were called upon to repent. Failing to do so, God declared He would destroy "man whom He had created," not whom He had formed.

If orthodox catechisms and creeds were true that the Adamic race were the first, and only then existing, God could be charged with a most gigantic piece of folly, and would certainly be a creature of most extraordinary diabolical qualities, for while utterly destroying the great mass of the human race, let slip through His fingers a few seed which soon propagated and became as devilish as any of their ancestors.

The fact is that God, seeking to punish and destroy the people whom He had created with such mighty attributes and advantages, but whose self-selected sensual habits brought upon them their own destruction, creatures who were no longer worthy of an existence; fit only for wrath. (Please read Romans, I, 20 to 23.) The reason for the flood is plainly seen. God intended to destroy man whom He had created, with all his half breeds resulting from intermarriages. Yet having made a promise to Adam of a Savior, is compelled to preserve the Adamic race.

For this reason Noah was chosen, not only because he was a just man and walked with God, but was perfect in his generation; a pedigree without mixed blood in it, a lineal descendant of Adam.

The flood destroyed not only the human part of the sixth day creation, but both man and beasts. The pictures of these created animals are met with in natural histories, the skeletons being found in museums, because they have not existed since the flood, while animals of the Adamic or eighth day formation were preserved in the ark; two of every clean and seven of every unclean.

Of this created race, Jude said: "The angels (Gr. angelos—equal of the angels) which kept not their first estate, are reserved under the everlasting chains of darkness unto the great day. Jude 6. Again, Know ye not that ye shall judge angels? (Gr. angelos.) The created race (or angels) never had the promise of a Savior, so when Jesus was put to death in the flesh, but quickened in the spirit, by which He went and preached unto the spirits in prison, which were sometimes disobedient, when once the long suffering God waited in the days of Noah while the Ark was preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. (I Peter III, 19-20.)

This occurred during the three days of

His burial. These spirits having never had the promise of a Savior, nor having ever heard of Him, were not having a second chance, but their first. For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit (world). (I Peter IV, 6.) While the heathen who are without the law will be judged without the law, yet beings who have had sufficient opportunity and time in which to repent, need not be buoyed up by such damnable heresies as a "second chance," future or purgatory salvation.

**"ZIONISM"**

A Free Lecture on an Interesting Subject, Costumes From Palestine

A free lecture will be delivered on next Sunday evening at 904 and 906 Main street on "Zionism" by Charles F. Parham who is now holding a series of revival services at that place.

Mr. Parham's celebrated lecture on this interesting subject, which centers around the restoration of Palestine to the Jews, is descriptive of the present conditions, costumes and custom of Jerusalem and will be illustrated by persons from the audience wearing Oriental garments purchased in the east.

Mr. Parham is one of the best informed persons on this subject in America and will depict the horrors of the Russian riots in graphic manner.

All Jews are most cordially invited to be present, and no one, Jew or Christian can afford to miss this treat.

**APOSTOLIC FAITH RALLY.**

Peculiar People to Hold Inter-State Rally at Kansas City.

The members of the order that is promoting the Apostolic Faith movement have planned an excursion to Kansas City in order that they may be present at the Apostolic Inter-state rally which is to be held there July 15.

This creed has a large following in this section of the country and it is expected that there will be more than 250 persons go from this city to attend the rally. The meeting on July 15 is for the purpose of fixing the places that missions are to be established, as it is intended to establish these missions from Texas north in a direct line to Winnipeg, Canada.