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A1776 <u>BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT</u>: **~ Fourth and Fifth Days of Creation.**

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By the end of the 3rd day of the Biblical account of creation, the earth was a lush green garden full of growing plants and trees, with some already bearing fruit for human and animal consumption. There were also many angels watching what God was doing. Angels were made to praise God and to do God's work when the days of creation were completed. So what comes next in the order of creation?

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When we walk outside on a cloudless dark night, our naked eyes can see around 3,000 stars in the sky. But with modern advanced telescopes positioned all around the world, those scientists who study the stars say that there are billions of stars and all are billions and trillions of miles away from the earth.

Is God's universe really this large? If we make a small scale model of the universe, the earth would be the size of a marble and the sun in proportion would be the size of a beach ball set 149 metres away – a distance of nearly the length of two football fields. The largest planet in our solar system, Jupiter, would be about the size of a grapefruit and it would be about five blocks down the road. The nearest star in our scaled down universe would still be 24,000 miles away. If the earth were marble-sized, the Milky Way when reduced down in proportion would still be 55 billion miles wide! And the universe is filled with other galaxies too. Mind boggling, isn't it!

Yet in Psalm 147, it says: "He (that's God) has decided the number of the stars and calls each one by name." Just the act of naming each of the billions of stars would be so demanding. We have to ask ourselves, why would God give each star a name? He's God and He has His purposes for everything He does. We just can't understand these things but maybe in heaven, we'll understand better!

When God created the light on Day 1 of creation, He waited until Day 4 to break up the light into the sun, moon and stars all around the universe. Can you imagine all the mathematical content required so that the stars didn't come close enough to one another that the gravitational pull of a bigger one didn't draw a smaller one into its path? There were no unorderly patterns of how things moved through the oceans of space. God is such a brilliant mathematician. The orbits of the stars and planets were set in place without error, including comets or stars with a tail, that are sometimes only seen once in a lifetime on earth or even less frequently than that.

Let's just think about the times when the earth comes between the sun and moon, either partially or completely as seen in some parts of the world. These events are called 'eclipses'. God is such a mastermind for orbiting stars that He had no lunar or moon eclipses occur around earth for 300 years. But then in 2014 and 2015, He has planned 4 total moon eclipses each 6 months apart on the Jewish feasts of Passover and Tabernacles. It's amazing to us how God could make such a thing happen, yet He has!

In Genesis, Chapter 1, 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." This group of lunar eclipses are for signs to the Israeli people, while the solar eclipses are warnings to the Gentile people. God always warns people about His judgements before He brings them to pass. He does this so that people might repent of their evil deeds and turn back to Him.

Sir Isaac Newton was born in 1643 and he lived until he was 84. He was a physicist and mathematician who has been widely recognised as one of the most influential scientists of all time. He had an exact replica of our solar system made into miniature. At its centre was a large golden ball representing the sun, and revolving around it were smaller balls attached to the ends of rods by varying lengths. They represented the planets and were all geared together by cogs and belts to make them move around the 'sun' in perfect harmony.

One day as Newton was studying the model, a friend who didn't believe the Biblical account of creation came for a visit. Marvelling at the device and watching as the scientist made the heavenly bodies move in their orbits, the man exclaimed. "Why, Newton, what an exquisite thing! Who made it for you?"

Without looking up, Sir Isaac said, "Nobody." "Nobody?" his friend replied.

"That's right," replied Newton, "I said 'Nobody'. All these balls and cogs and belts and gears just happened to come together, and wonder of wonders, by chance they began revolving in their set orbits and with perfect timing!" That's what people who reject the principle of a Creator God want everyone else to believe: Nothing created everything!

By the end of Day 4, all the necessities for living creatures were present on the earth: light, air, water, soil, chemicals, plants, fruit and much more. Then on Day 5 of the creation week, God made animal life. But not the way some people think. God didn't start out with tiny little blobs of life as though particles came together through electrical impulses in the waters. No! God spoke and He made the living water creatures as fully grown and swimming around. 'Great whales' are mentioned in the Bible and all the sea creatures made were in abundance.

The Hebrew word for 'life' was first given and frequently used afterwards to refer to both the 'soul of man' and the 'life of animals'. Both these groups have consciousness but plants don't. God then made all the birds.

With the creation of the sea creatures and birds, God not only saw that these things were good, but He pronounced a blessing on them – instructing them to multiply and fill the seas and occupy the land. Although not objects of God's love as human beings are, animals are still objects of His care and concern. In Matthew, Chapter 10, the Lord Jesus said: "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will." Jesus also said in Matthew, Chapter 6 that His Father feeds the birds and clothes the plants. It is interesting to note that a similar command to multiply was given to the animals and birds when they were leaving the ark after Noah's flood in Genesis, Chapter 8.

It's often been pointed out that if a person really believes the first verse of Genesis, he or she won't find it difficult to believe anything else recorded in the Bible. If it's accepted that God really created all things, then He owns all things, holds all things together and can do all things without help. The inspired account of creation in Genesis doesn't attempt to prove that God exists or that all other religions are false. It is likely that Genesis was written first and that other belief systems were invented to combat or replace the Genesis creation account. There was no need to promote the reality of God and creation at the time of its writing because no one at the time doubted it.

An American evangelist of the 20th Century was raised in a country home where his father read from the Bible each night by the light of a kerosene lamp. The man himself began to read the Bible early, learnt portions of it by heart and listened eagerly to the stories of the heroes it contained. While he was still at school as a boy, he became absorbed in the details of birds and he was given a small bird guide book.

The evangelist many years later testified that the Bible and bird book helped him to learn about God. He said that God has written His message to us in two books: the revelation of nature and the God-breathed Scriptures. But the book of nature is not enough. By it we may know the art of God but not the heart of God. We may know the garden but not the Gardener. So God sent His Son and gave us the account of Himself in the Bible.

Some people want to worship the earth's nature and environment but overlook the Creator's moral laws. In Exodus, Chapter 20, we're told not to worship nature. God Himself said: "You shall not make for yourself a carved image – any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them."

Since the time of God's creation, people have been trying to use the designs that God made to help them advance knowledge and harness new ways of doing things better. Here are some examples: Long before we learnt to navigate the seven seas, birds travelled from their nesting sites over 1000s of miles at the approach of winter to milder weather places, only to return when winter's past to the exact same location to again build their nests.

For many centuries men looked at the flight of birds and wondered if they could learn to fly too. Some built gliders to imitate the flight patterns of birds. Many failed but eventually success came in 1903 with the Wright brothers flying their first prototype plane. They experimented with the wings, noticing that the birds angled their wings to balance and control their bodies during flight. The brothers succeeded in making the first controlled-flight of a power-driven aeroplane, even though they were off the ground for only 59 seconds. It was a start.

Radar and sonar systems have been considered a miracle of science. Radar tracks distant objects by bouncing high-frequency radio pulses off them and sonar does the same thing under water. Yet flying bats do the same, missing objects in their flight paths. God's designs have been so much better; yet some people mark down such creative brilliance merely to blind chance and survival of the fittest.

If only they would read God's challenge to Job in Chapters 38 through to 41 of the book of Job. Job was a righteous Gentile man who lived 1,000 to 2,000 years before Christ. The book of Job was written by an Israelite but no name is given. Job had suffered the loss of his 10 children, prosperous lifestyle and good health in a very short space of time. Four friends came to visit Job in his distress and they told him his suffering was caused by some type of sin he had committed. The friends only made him feel worse, so Job in his despair grieves over the apparent 'injustice' of God letting wicked people prosper while he and countless other innocent people suffer. Job wanted to confront God and to complain, yet he could not physically find where God was to do it.

God finally interrupts, calling from a whirlwind. God asks Job: "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, Who set its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone?" God went into four chapters of questions to Job showing how carefully He planned the world and everything in it.

The writer of the book assures us that God knows all the answers and that should be good enough for us too. The story ends with Job repenting of his demands to God as though he was equal with God. God doesn't owe us any explanations for why something bad happens in our lives. God accepted Job and had Job intercede for forgiveness for his friends' poor words of advice. God blessed Job with even more than he had lost. In Psalm 103, verses 1 and 2, King David said: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! And forget not all His benefits." Let us not forget all His benefits and blessings in our lives too. He's worthy of all praise and just as Jesus was there at creation He will be with us until the end of time, and even beyond that if we love, trust and obey Him.

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