

Chapter 1 Creation

HAVE YOU EVER wondered how the earth and everything else in the universe came into being? Well, God tells us in the Bible that He made everything. And He tells us that He did it in a week. We call this 'Creation Week', because it involved six real days, plus one rest day. You can read what actually happened in Genesis chapter 1.

Day 1

At first, there was nothing, nothing at all—apart from God. Then, Genesis says: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." How? He did it simply by commanding it to happen. Wow, what an amazing God—to create everything just by the power and authority of His Word!

When God did this, something else happened too—time began.

Next, God created light. "God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). This was not the sun, because God didn't make the sun until Day 4. God can create light without the sun as a source. The Bible tells us that in heaven there will be no need for lamps or the sun "for the Lord God will be their light" (Revelation 22:5).

This first light provided 'day' and 'night' on the earth as it rotated. So the very first day and the very first night were each about 12 hours long. The days were not vast periods of time, and it wasn't billions of years ago.

Day 2

On the second day of Creation Week, God continued His work of preparing the earth so that plants could grow in it, and animals and people could live on it. He did this by making the atmosphere around the earth. The atmosphere contains the air we breathe. It is made up of oxygen, nitrogen, and small amounts of other gases, all in just the right mixture for us to live. The atmosphere also contains water vapour that condenses to form clouds.

All this happened because God ordered it to happen. It was not the result of volcanoes erupting, or blue-green algae producing oxygen for millions of years, or anything else that some people have suggested.

Day 3

The Bible says that when God created the earth, it was completely covered by water. So, on the third day of Creation Week, God commanded the dry land to appear. Parts of the ocean-floor sank down so that water drained off the land. We don't know how many continents there were then; maybe there was only one, because the Bible says, "the waters were gathered together into one place" (Genesis 1:9). Some of the continents we see today may have formed later as a result of Noah's Flood, when once again, for a time, the earth was completely covered by water.

Also on Day 3, God commanded the land to produce all kinds of vegetation. This included plants and seeds and fruit and trees that animals would feed on rather than eating each other. Also there were grains and herbs and vegetables and fruit that humans would eat. And there were all sorts of beautiful flowers and fragrant plants for our enjoyment. The Bible says God made each of these according to its kind (Genesis 1:11–12). This means that not one of these plants evolved from something quite different.

Day 4

On Day 4, God created the sun, the moon, and the planets in our solar system, as well as the billions of stars in the billions of galaxies in the universe. The Bible tells us that God made them for our benefit, "to separate the day from the night", and "for signs and for seasons, and for days and years", and "to give light upon the earth" (Genesis 1:14–18). God was able to do this just by commanding them all to exist. Another reason God made them all is: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

The stars did not form over billions of years from a big bang in which nothing supposedly exploded and then became everything. People who say this cannot explain where all the energy for the explosion came from. Nor how an explosion could have produced the design we see in the universe. You know that explosions never produce order, but always only a great big mess.

Day 5

By Day 5 God had made the earth ready to support life. So next, God commanded the seas to teem with fish, along with all the other animals that live in the water. There were large ones like whales and plesiosaurs, and small ones like krill and zooplankton. God also created the flying creatures—birds, bats, bees and pterosaurs—on this day.

Genesis chapter 1 says that God created every fish and every bird “according to its kind”, and He commanded them all to “be fruitful and multiply”. This means that each was to make baby animals just like itself. Not one of them evolved from anything else, and not one of them has ever evolved into anything else.

Day 6

On Day 6, God commanded the earth to “bring forth” the land animals—tame ones like your pets, and those we now call the wild ones, like elephants and tigers and kangaroos. None of them ate each other then. God also made the creepy-crawlies and the dinosaurs on this day. God made all the animals “according to their kinds”, and we already know what this means. When dinosaurs laid their eggs, baby dinosaurs hatched out, not baby birds.

Last of all, God made the very first human beings, Adam and Eve. He made Adam from the dust, and then Eve from Adam’s side. God told Adam and Eve to have children so that in time there would be people all over the earth (Genesis 1:28). This means that it

was God who invented marriage as the union of one man and one woman. It was God’s purpose that children should be born in this way within families.

Adam and Eve didn’t evolve from apes, so neither did you. God made Adam and Eve “in His image”, so you too are “made in the image of God”. Because of this, you can pray to God, and love and worship Him. And you can experience God’s love for you. Animals can’t do these things, because God didn’t make them in His image.

Everything that God produced during Creation Week was beautiful and perfect for God’s purpose. Nothing was bad or evil. There was no death of animals or people. No mutations, no struggle for existence, nothing ‘unfit’.

Day 7

Where does our seven-day week come from?

It comes directly from God. God took six days to create everything and then rested on the seventh day. He wasn’t tired (the Hebrew word means “ceased”), but He did this as an example for our benefit. God put it into the Ten Commandments that He gave to the Israelites through Moses. They were told to rest one day in seven from their work, and the reason given was: “For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day” (Exodus:20:8–11).

Jesus—the Word of God

Everything during Creation Week happened because of God’s command or word. One of the titles of the Lord Jesus Christ is “the Word” (John 1:1–14) The New Testament tells us that God made the universe through His Son, Jesus (Hebrews 1:2), and that all things were created by Jesus and for Jesus (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16).

Was there a big bang?

Evolutionists have invented the story that the universe started with a big bang, billions of years ago. But they can’t explain how nothing became everything, and all without a cause. They’ve had to invent invisible stuff called ‘dark matter’ to provide enough gravity to make the big bang ‘work’. And then

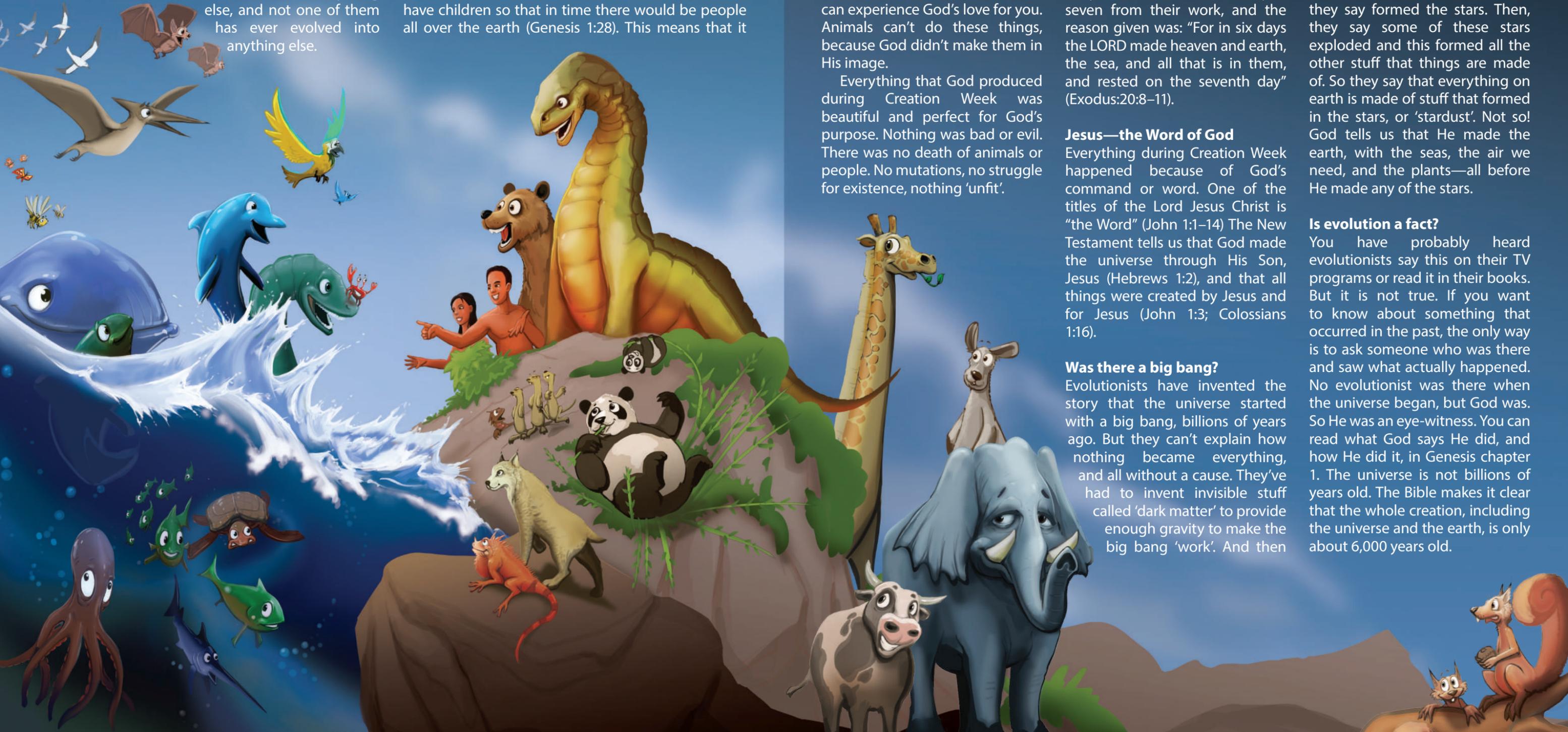
they had to invent ‘dark energy’ to provide enough ‘push’. By contrast, the power and authority of God’s word, as recorded in Genesis, is by far the better explanation of how everything began.

Are we made of stardust?

Some people say that when the universe began it produced a lot of a gas called hydrogen, which they say formed the stars. Then, they say some of these stars exploded and this formed all the other stuff that things are made of. So they say that everything on earth is made of stuff that formed in the stars, or ‘stardust’. Not so! God tells us that He made the earth, with the seas, the air we need, and the plants—all before He made any of the stars.

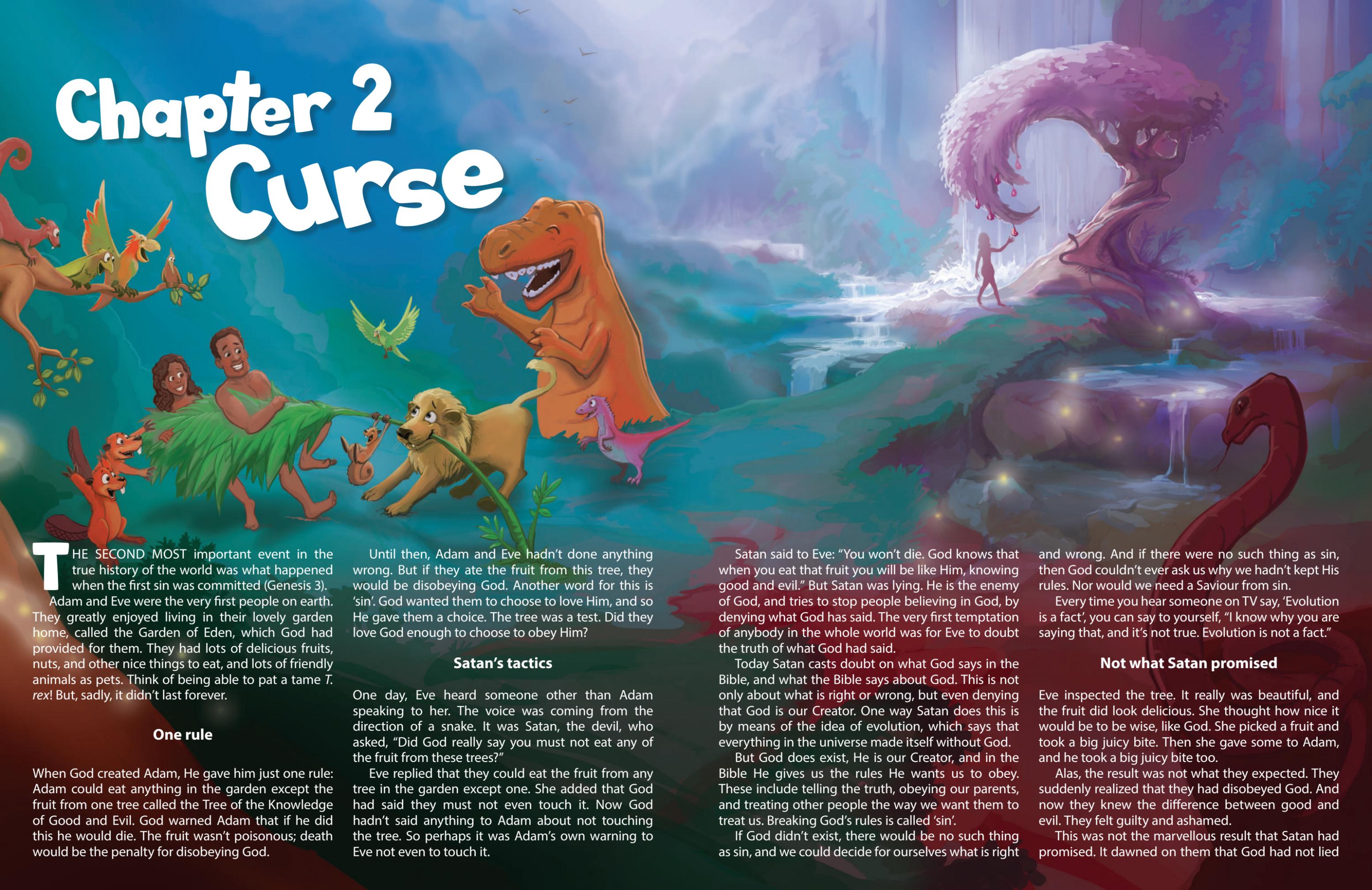
Is evolution a fact?

You have probably heard evolutionists say this on their TV programs or read it in their books. But it is not true. If you want to know about something that occurred in the past, the only way is to ask someone who was there and saw what actually happened. No evolutionist was there when the universe began, but God was. So He was an eye-witness. You can read what God says He did, and how He did it, in Genesis chapter 1. The universe is not billions of years old. The Bible makes it clear that the whole creation, including the universe and the earth, is only about 6,000 years old.



Chapter 2

Curse



THE SECOND MOST important event in the true history of the world was what happened when the first sin was committed (Genesis 3).

Adam and Eve were the very first people on earth. They greatly enjoyed living in their lovely garden home, called the Garden of Eden, which God had provided for them. They had lots of delicious fruits, nuts, and other nice things to eat, and lots of friendly animals as pets. Think of being able to pat a tame *T. rex*! But, sadly, it didn't last forever.

One rule

When God created Adam, He gave him just one rule: Adam could eat anything in the garden except the fruit from one tree called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God warned Adam that if he did this he would die. The fruit wasn't poisonous; death would be the penalty for disobeying God.

Until then, Adam and Eve hadn't done anything wrong. But if they ate the fruit from this tree, they would be disobeying God. Another word for this is 'sin'. God wanted them to choose to love Him, and so He gave them a choice. The tree was a test. Did they love God enough to choose to obey Him?

Satan's tactics

One day, Eve heard someone other than Adam speaking to her. The voice was coming from the direction of a snake. It was Satan, the devil, who asked, "Did God really say you must not eat any of the fruit from these trees?"

Eve replied that they could eat the fruit from any tree in the garden except one. She added that God had said they must not even touch it. Now God hadn't said anything to Adam about not touching the tree. So perhaps it was Adam's own warning to Eve not even to touch it.

Satan said to Eve: "You won't die. God knows that when you eat that fruit you will be like Him, knowing good and evil." But Satan was lying. He is the enemy of God, and tries to stop people believing in God, by denying what God has said. The very first temptation of anybody in the whole world was for Eve to doubt the truth of what God had said.

Today Satan casts doubt on what God says in the Bible, and what the Bible says about God. This is not only about what is right or wrong, but even denying that God is our Creator. One way Satan does this is by means of the idea of evolution, which says that everything in the universe made itself without God.

But God does exist, He is our Creator, and in the Bible He gives us the rules He wants us to obey. These include telling the truth, obeying our parents, and treating other people the way we want them to treat us. Breaking God's rules is called 'sin'.

If God didn't exist, there would be no such thing as sin, and we could decide for ourselves what is right

and wrong. And if there were no such thing as sin, then God couldn't ever ask us why we hadn't kept His rules. Nor would we need a Saviour from sin.

Every time you hear someone on TV say, 'Evolution is a fact', you can say to yourself, "I know why you are saying that, and it's not true. Evolution is not a fact."

Not what Satan promised

Eve inspected the tree. It really was beautiful, and the fruit did look delicious. She thought how nice it would be to be wise, like God. She picked a fruit and took a big juicy bite. Then she gave some to Adam, and he took a big juicy bite too.

Alas, the result was not what they expected. They suddenly realized that they had disobeyed God. And now they knew the difference between good and evil. They felt guilty and ashamed.

This was not the marvellous result that Satan had promised. It dawned on them that God had not lied



to them, but Satan had. Sin is always like this. We think we will enjoy doing something we know is wrong, but then we find that it causes us shame and regret. Adam and Eve were now afraid to meet God. Later that day, when God came to the garden, Adam and Eve hid from Him among the trees.

This didn't do any good, because no one can hide from God. God called, "Where are you?"—not because He couldn't find them, but because He wanted them to come out on their own. Instead, they were ashamed to come out and meet Him.

So God said, "Have you eaten the fruit I told you not to eat?" God knew what they had done, but Adam and Eve didn't own up to their sin. Instead, they each tried to blame someone else. Adam said to God, "The woman you put here gave me the fruit and I ate it." Adam wasn't only blaming Eve, but also God,

for making Eve for him. Eve blamed the snake which Satan had used to speak to her.

The penalties

Because God is holy and just, there is always a penalty for sin. God told Adam that the ground was now under a curse. Weeds and thorns would now grow in it. And Adam would have to dig the soil and work hard all his life to produce food to eat. The worst penalty of all was that he would die, as God had warned, and his body would return to dust.

God told Eve that because of what she had done, she would have pain in giving birth to children. But her daughters (and their daughters) would still want to have husbands. We are all descended from Adam and Eve. And because Adam and Eve chose to obey Satan instead of God, we all do the same. We are all

born wanting to sin, instead of wanting to do what is right.

God still loved Adam and Eve, just as He loves you too. So God gave them (and us) a promise in the form of a prophecy against Satan. One of Eve's descendants, the Lord Jesus Christ, would one day come and live here on Earth. He would defeat the work of Satan by paying the penalty for our sin by dying on the Cross and then rising to life again. This happened about 2,000 years ago.

The Bible tells us that God made clothes out of animal skins for Adam and Eve, to replace the fig-leaves they had put on when they tried to hide from Him. So at least one animal must have died—because of their sin.

Finally, God put Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden. This was so they would not eat from another tree there called the Tree of Life. If they had done this,

they would have lived forever in their sinful state. God put an angelic guard there to stop them from ever returning. From that day on, Adam and Eve no longer had their special relationship with God. And their bodies began to die, just as ours do today, even though they would live on for many more years.

Pain and suffering, disease and death were not part of the perfect world that God created. But because of sin, God has withdrawn some of His saving power. But, because of His love for us, God sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to share our life, and to die for our sin. Jesus came alive again, so that we could know Him as our Saviour, our friend, and our guide through this life. Death now opens the door to Heaven for all who repent and believe in Him. There, "God will wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain" (Revelation 21:4).

Chapter 3 Catastrophe



AFTER ADAM AND Eve had disobeyed God by eating the fruit that God had commanded them not to eat, God sent them to live outside the Garden of Eden. Here they had lots of children, who grew up and had lots of children, who grew up and had lots of children. Most of these people did not love and obey God, but only thought and did evil things all the time. Things got so bad that God was sorry He had made man. After about 1,500 years, only Noah and his family worshipped God and obeyed Him.

Building the Ark

One day God told Noah He was going to send a flood that would cover the whole earth as a judgment on all the evil people. God told Noah to build a huge Ark. This was to save Noah and his family, along with

some of the animals, to repopulate the earth after the Flood. The Ark measured 140 x 23 x 13.5 metres or 450 x 75 x 45 feet. This is longer than a football field, as wide as four traffic lanes, and high enough for three decks. It had lots of rooms for all the animals and their food, a roof, and a full-length opening at the top to let in light and fresh air.

People there could see the huge Ark being built. But no one heeded Noah's warning that they would have to be aboard the Ark to be saved.

All aboard!

After many years, it was ready. God sent the animals and birds to Noah—a pair of most kinds of air-breathing animals, and seven pairs of the 'clean' animals that could be used for sacrifices. Was there room for them all? Yes, there were only several

thousand animals in all. That's because many of the animals that went on the Ark produced many species of the same kinds of animals after the Flood. For example, the wolf, the coyote, the dingo, the jackal, and the dogs that you might have as pets all came from a single pair of their kind that entered the Ark.

Noah also took pairs of the different kinds of dinosaurs, whose ancestors God had created on Day 6 of Creation Week, along with the other animals. There was room for the biggest ones, as these could have gone on board before they were fully grown. Noah didn't need to take any animals that live in the water, like fish and whales. And he didn't have to take insects because they don't breathe through nostrils (Genesis 7:22).

What about animals that now live in far-away places, like kangaroos and kiwis? The Flood changed the earth's surface—before the Flood, there was

probably only one continent, not the seven we have now. So all the animals could have been living on the same land area as Noah.

The whole earth covered by water

When all were aboard, God sent the water. First, it came from "the great deep"—huge reservoirs deep below the land. Then it rained for forty days and forty nights. Everything that breathed and lived on the land died. If the earth's surface were smooth (with all the mountains flattened and the ocean basins raised to the same level), then the oceans today would cover the whole earth to a depth of 3 km (2 miles). So there is plenty of water to cover the whole earth—the earth just had to be more smooth.

The Flood lasted about a year. So where did the water go? The Bible says that "the mountains rose,



the valleys sank down" (Psalm 104:8). This indicates that there were huge earth movements at that time that caused the mountains we see today to be pushed up to their present height. There are seashells at the top of Mt Everest, and on many other mountains, showing that they were once under the waters of Noah's Flood. This uplift caused oceans of water to flow off the land into the sea.

Finally, Noah's Ark grounded on the 'mountains of Ararat', although we don't know exactly where that is today.

Out they all came

God told Noah to bring out all the animals and birds. In time, these all had families that had families that had families, to replace those that had died in the Flood. These animals moved towards Europe, Africa, and Asia. Some eventually reached Australia. Others crossed the land bridge to North America, and in time continued on down to South America. This was

possible because, after the Flood, there was an Ice Age that locked up lots of water as ice on the land. This lowered the sea-level, exposing long land-bridges which the animals could cross.

God made a special promise to Noah that He would never again send a worldwide Flood to destroy the whole earth. As a reminder of this promise, God gave a special meaning to the rainbow which we often see in the clouds after it has been raining. From that time on, the rainbow was a sign of this promise by God. Since then, there has never been another worldwide flood.

We know Noah's Flood occurred—because it is recorded in the Bible (see Genesis 6–9), and because of the evidence it left. We find animal and plant fossils all over the world. Mud and sand quickly covered the drowned animals, preserving them before they had time to rot or be eaten by fish. These animals have become the fossils we find in the ground today—three-quarters of the earth's land surface contains fossils. Also most of the coal we find in the ground

today formed from plants that were buried 4,500 years ago in Noah's Flood.

Although there will never again be a world-wide flood judgment, God has appointed a Day when He will judge the world, and when everyone will have to give account of their life to Him (Acts 17:31). You may have friends who do not believe this. They are like the people of Noah's day who didn't believe there was going to be a Flood. But this didn't stop it from happening.

God saved Noah and his family by an Ark that kept them safe. We have the Lord Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross to pay the penalty for our sins, and who has risen from the dead to be the Saviour of all who put their faith and trust in Him.

Did the Flood cover the whole earth?

Yes, the Bible says it did. If it was only local, Noah would not have needed an Ark at all, as birds could have flown off to safety on their own, and Noah and

his family and the animals could have all walked to safety before a local flood happened. And if only local animals died, there were lots of animals elsewhere to replace them.

Noah was aboard the Ark a year and ten days; local floods never last that long. People groups all round the world have flood stories, as we should expect, as all people in the world are descended from Noah and his family.

If it was just a local flood, it would mean that God has broken His promise never to send another one like it. God does not break His promises. So Yes, Noah's Flood did cover the whole earth.

The worldwide Flood, recorded in Genesis chapters 6 to 9, is a very important part of the true history of the world. It explains the mountains, the fossils, and coal, and why there are so many layers of rocks in places like the Grand Canyon, all of which formed during the Flood.

Chapter 4 Confusion



AFTER THE FLOOD, Noah and his family were the only people alive on the earth. God told them to have lots of children because he wanted their descendants to spread out and live all over the earth. So Noah's family had lots of children, who had lots of children, who had lots of children. After a while there were thousands of people. They had moved from the mountains of Ararat, where the Ark had landed, to a broad plain called Shinar. None of them wanted to obey God's command to go and live in other parts of the earth.

A tower with its top in the heavens

Instead, they said to each other: "Come on! Let's build a city for ourselves with a tower that reaches way up

into the sky, so we won't be scattered over the earth." They used clay to make bricks, which they baked in ovens to make them strong, and they used tar to stick the bricks together. Up, up, up went the tower, higher, and higher, and higher. God saw what they were doing, and He knew why they were doing it, because God knows everything. What could He do?

At that time everyone spoke the same language—that of their ancestor Noah. So, one day, God caused people to start speaking in different languages. Suddenly, it was impossible for people in one family to understand what the people in other families were saying. So it was impossible for them to continue building their city and their tower.

Families and those people who could understand each other gathered together into groups, and set

out—north, south, east, and west—to get as far away from each other as possible. In this way, God not only judged the people for their disobedience to Him, but He also caused them to want to scatter over the earth. Wow! Whatever God wants to happen, He can make happen—and no one can prevent it. The city came to be known as Babel (see Genesis 11:1–9). The word 'Babel' sounds like the Hebrew word for 'confused'. In English, we could say that God made a 'babble' of the languages the people now spoke.

Did today's languages all begin in Babel?

Languages change as people add new words or give new meanings to words. Today there are about 7,000

languages. These can be grouped into a dozen or so different 'language families'. For example, there is now the Indo-European language family, and the New Guinea language family, and the Australian Aboriginal language family, and so on. These language families are nothing like each other, but there are many similar languages within each family.

All languages in a family probably came from one of the languages God created at Babel. These Babel languages have multiplied into the 7,000 languages in the world today.

Evolutionists have great difficulty in accounting for the rise of languages from any supposed animal ancestor, as per the theory of evolution. Animals communicate by the sounds they make, by their

