## GENESIS1

## an attempt to write a reasoned commentary

## **CHAPTER 1**

- 1. In the **beginning**<sup>2</sup> God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2. And the earth was without form<sup>3</sup>, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters<sup>4</sup>.
- 3. And God said, Let there be **light**<sup>5:</sup> and there was light.
- 4. And God saw the light<sup>6</sup>, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness<sup>7</sup>.
- 5. And God called<sup>8</sup> the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
- 6. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters<sup>9</sup>, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As narrated in King James Bible

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Help providing a date

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Explain how an object can be created without form

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Provide a date for the creation of the waters

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Explain why only this extremely narrow region of the electro-magnetic spectrum is mentioned

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Explain how light could not be seen, as per the definition of the verb

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Explain how light could not be divided from darkness, as per the definitions of light and darkness

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Explain which particular language was used and why a language was even required for an entity without company

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Explain the notion of placing a firm bulkhead between lower and upper waters

- 7. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament <sup>10</sup> and it was so.
- 8. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 13. And the evening and the morning were the third day.
- 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<sup>11</sup>, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
- 15. And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.
- 16. And God made **two great lights**<sup>12</sup>; the greater light to rule the day, and the **lesser**<sup>13</sup> light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Explain which waters were placed above the firm bulkhead and where they are to be found

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Explain the nature of such signs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> It would appear that the first light is the sun and the second the moon. Explain in which way the lesser could be a light rather than a mere reflector of the greater

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Explain how the lesser light is present during the night and not during the day

- 17. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,
- 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.
- 19. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
- 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.
- 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.
- 22. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.
- 23. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
- 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.
- 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.
- 26. And God said, Let us **make man in our image**<sup>14,</sup> after our likeness: and let them **have dominion over**<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> Describe the appearance of the first man and how his creator would have needed organs similar to those of man, considering that the environment in which the creator would exist is uninhabitable to man

<sup>15</sup> Explain why and how man would and could have been given dominion over all other forms of life

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

## **CHAPTER 2**

- 1. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
- 2. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made 17.

NOW, TRY TO APPLY A SIMILAR REASONED
COMMENTARY TO THE PREMISES OF OTHER SUBJECTS,
SUCH AS CLIMATE, GEOPOLITICAL CONFLICTS, OR
PARTY POLITICS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Since the Almighty is so all-powerful that he can create the universe almost instantaneously, as opposed to the apparent confines of the universe being several billions of light-years away and information traveling at the speed of light only, explain how he could have felt any tiredness after his reported exertions, and explain the nature of tiredness and rest

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Paragraphs 3 to 25 and next 48 chapters not shown here