

INTRODUCTION TO
CHAPTER TWO

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Before the amazing nuclear processes by which this Earth and the universe were initially created are examined, it is important to learn a few things about the Creator, the One who began all natural things as we know them. There are many things to be understood about God. For the diligent seeker of pure knowledge, these truths may be found within the Word of God.

The Holy Scriptures declare that God created all things. But by this same Word, we come to understand that there was One with God. This other One worked together in union with God in the process of Creation. After the truth of these important issues is examined, the discussion will turn to examine a few facts about the fundamental components of which all physical matter is composed, and of which all things are made.

This chapter ends by noting some of the problems facing modern science. It notes the uselessness of some of the research methods which are used when attempting to learn the true structure of the atom, and how it actually operates. Friend, the truth is, it becomes even harder for modern science to understand the deep truths of nature when they do not believe in the God of all nature, the very One who created it all.

Lastly, some very important truths from the Word of God are examined. May these truths take root in our hearts, as we continue onward to a clearer understanding of the astounding Creation of all things.

Chapter 2: THE RECORD BEGINS

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THE BIG QUESTIONS



How did the Earth and the whole Universe begin? What were the causes behind all things which we now see? Mankind has pondered these questions for ages. There are many theories about the beginning of all things. Some claim a Big Bang, while others claim something else. The truth is, what we usually hear are many fanciful theories. These theories leave too many questions unanswered. A number of these theories appear to be devoid of all true logic! It is truly time to start again anew.

Everything is made out of matter. Let us ask a few questions about this matter. Where did the first matter come from? Where did the atoms come from which make up this matter? From whence came the various electrical and nuclear force fields which make up the atoms? Was anyone there to see the beginning of all things? Did anyone record the history of it? Who alone knows the true answers? To Whom then must we go for true knowledge?

ALMIGHTY GOD



In days of old, there lived a special man named Job. The Lord God came to Job, and asked: *“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof; when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”*¹

Friend, can you answer all of the above questions? Truly, where were you on the very first day of Creation? Where were you even before this Earth was created? Do you have any idea on these matters? Proclaim, if you are truly able!

EVEN BEFORE CREATION

The Word of God proclaims: *“The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.*

“When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

“When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: when he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: when he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

“Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.”²

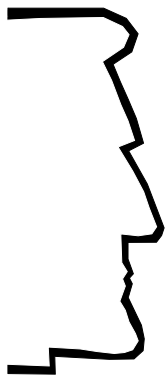
The above passage of Holy Scripture is speaking of a special individual.³ Friend, do you know Who this very special individual is? Furthermore, do you have true fellowship with Him?⁴

FURTHER DEFINITION

Again, the Word of God proclaims: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”⁵*

All things were made by the very Word of God.⁶ There was not anything created in which the Word was not involved. Let us now proceed toward a clearer understanding of the Word of God!

MORE CLARITY



The next two passages of Holy Scripture clarify the true nature of the Word of God. They show Who the Word truly is. They begin to make clear Who was instrumental in the Creation of all things. They also make known, more clearly, the true position of the One who created all things.

It is written: *“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds...**”⁷ “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”⁸*

THE APOSTLE WRITES



It is written: *“For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.*

*“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, **who created all things by Jesus Christ...**”⁹ Yes, God the Father created all things by His Son, Jesus Christ!*

The apostle Paul declares further: *“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.’*

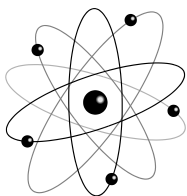
“Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

“For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”¹⁰

Christ is the wisdom of God, and the mighty power of God. Christ is also the Word of God. As seen earlier, the Lord God Almighty possessed Christ before He began His creative works of old. Through Christ (who is the wisdom and power of God) were all things then created.

IN THE BEGINNING

At the beginning of Creation, God (by Jesus Christ) made the Heaven and the Earth.¹¹ God made all that we observe out of things which our naked eyes cannot see. The Holy Bible clearly states: *“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”¹²*



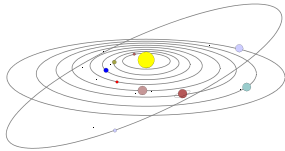
The Earth, and all things contained therein; the universe, and all that we observe; is made of nothing but atoms, and parts of atoms. These atoms are nothing more than various types of nuclear and electrical force fields.

THE BASICS

The electrical force fields (of which atoms are made) are generally composed of positive and negative charges. There are also neutral components and a few other various parts included, all by the infinite wisdom of God the Father, as He created all things by Jesus Christ.¹³

The electrical force fields which compose all atoms are things which our naked eyes cannot directly observe. We can only observe the effects of these fields. Even the best of mankind's scientists do not truly know what these electrical force fields are.¹⁴ All they know is that everything is made from these special fields. Even the air we breath is nothing more than a specific combination of these electrical force fields. Truly, these force fields are the building blocks from which the atoms of all things (both seen and unseen) are made.

THE EXPLORERS

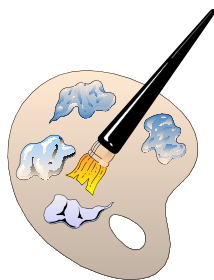


Since the creation of man, there have been inquisitive individuals. These special individuals have closely examined the things which God has made. They have tried to understand how God created all things. As time passed, many other individuals have wanted to know when God did these things.

There are many opinions of mankind concerning the beginning of all things. These varying opinions have spurred many individuals into further investigation. There is one thing that the probing of even the evolutionary scientists has shown. It appears to be clear that our whole solar system was made at about the same time.¹⁵ The Word of God declares the true order of this process.



COMMUNICATION

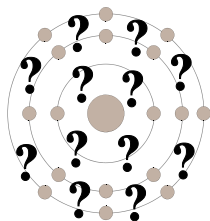


When mankind comes across something new which he has not seen before, or which he does not understand, he quickly puts a label on that thing. Humans are famous for their labeling. This label, called 'a name,' allows humans to readily communicate together.

The 'name' for things allows humans to form a complete picture of something in their mind. It allows a clear picture to be formed, often by the use of a single word. Humans add further words to the initial object to help clarify their thoughts. The process of communication is nothing more than painting a "word picture" of a principle, process, concept, physical object, or other thing.

ATOMS

In the times of the ancient Greeks, the word “atom” was used to define the smallest particle of matter which could be comprehended by the finite mind of man. This smallest particle was then claimed as “fundamental” in nature. By the carnal reasoning of these ancient people, it was thought that what they had proclaimed as being “fundamental particles” could not be divided into any other smaller particles.¹⁶ Time has proven their complete lack of insight. With the passage of time, modern science has given a complete new definition to the word “atom.”



What mankind now calls an “atom” is known to consist of a bewildering cluster or composite of yet numerous other smaller particles. Man has currently labeled these infinitesimally small components as being fundamental particles.¹⁷ Only time will tell the validity of this “new” classification.

Man has made numerous attempts to observe the true make-up of the atoms. Interestingly enough, each time he makes these attempts, he is only left with many new questions. As man probes deeper into the atom, he sometimes finds even more new parts. He may also discover previously unknown and thoroughly unexplainable properties within the atom.¹⁸

PRESENTLY

Some of the parts related to the nuclei of atoms (which mankind has currently labeled) are: protons, neutrons, electrons, muons, pions, mesons, baryons, leptons, neutrinos, and quarks, to name but a few. By bombarding atomic nuclei in particle accelerators, it appears that the scientists have discovered more than 200 so-called fundamental particles contained within these nuclei.¹⁹ In all reality, mankind may have just “scratched the surface.”

Carnal man appears to believe that with just one more small step, he will have the ‘key’ to the universe. Truly, with each new step he becomes more bewildered. He goes further into confusion. He just finds more and more unexplainable and puzzling parts to the atom.



A BEWILDERING SEA

For a period of time, the scientists thought that the fundamental particles within the nucleus of an atom were simply the proton and neutron, and that these particles were indivisible. Now their thinking has changed. Let us consider the basic proton. It appears that the scientists now believe that there is a complete “sea” of various fundamental particles which, together, compose the proton. But something is bewildering the scientists about a number of the particles within the proton. These particles appear to instantaneously come into existence, and then disappear again.²⁰

CONFOUNDING THE WISE

It is written: *“For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence.”*²¹

The above passage of Holy Scripture does speak an important truth. It speaks of that which is consistently occurring with many of the scientists of today, as they attempt to figure out how all nature works. Friend, it appears that it is (and will continue to be) impossible for the despisers of God to come to a true understanding of those things which were created by God Almighty: the God in which they obviously disbelieve.

OBSERVABLE FACTS

It appears that man got himself into “unknown waters” as he attempted his exploration of the humble proton’s interior. One scientist stated “Every time we have tested a prejudice about the [proton] sea ... it has proven to be wrong.” But now certain scientists claim that they are making headway in the right direction. But it appears that many of their “findings” are just speculations. It also appears that they are running into surprises, and a number of their theories are falling short of reality.²²

Friend, in the midst of all this, let us consider an important fact. While many people on this Earth are starving, the evolutionary “scientists” of this world are wasting vast amounts of money on their theoretical games. What true good will all of this do for mankind in general, when many of the scientists do not appear to have a true care for the condition their average fellow human? What is more stunning is that they do not even appear to care about their own souls, nor their eternal destiny. As we ponder on this thought, let us return to our subject at hand. Please consider the following.

TRUE UNCERTAINTY

It is a known fact among knowledgeable scientists that it is impossible to observe the true pattern of an atom without disturbing or altering its structure or movement. This inescapable problem in quantum physics is called the “uncertainty principle.”²³ All that mankind can observe is the final product of a reaction between his test equipment and the nuclear force-fields contained within the atom.^{24, 25 and 26} But foolish mankind continues to “beat his head” against the proverbial stone wall. Or is it that certain titled persons are “stonewalling” others, concerning basic truth?²⁷

As mankind tries to make it on his own, while fighting against the truth of God, he just foolishly stumbles in the dark. In such a state, man goes deeper into darkness and ultimate error!

THE WISDOM OF MAN



It clearly states in the Holy Bible that “*the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ‘He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.’ And again, ‘The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.’*”²⁸ These words are pure, inescapable truth!

It is completely impossible to understand the truth of God’s creation if our vision is skewed in any manner. It is impossible to understand Creation if we are against the God who created all things. It is virtually impossible to understand any truth at all if our point of reference is in the wrong place.

FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH

Mankind will never find out the truth of this universe as long as they are doing their research with the intent of disregarding God, or attempting to prove that there is no God. All mankind will do is stumble foolishly down wrong paths, the paths which ultimately lead to eternal destruction.^{29 and 30}

If mankind ever hopes to understand the truth of all things, they must first believe that God is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently (with their whole heart³¹) seek Him.³² Then mankind can use their observations of those things which God has created to come to a clearer understanding of the Creator Himself. Then, and only then, shall mankind truly begin to understand the mighty Hand of God, and those things which He has created.

BEYOND CREATION

The LORD God proclaims: “*To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?*

“They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship. They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

“Remember this, and show yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure...’”³³

The only true God has declared the sequence of things which will happen all the way to the end of this world. He has declared them even from the time of the very beginning of all things. Even before God began to create anything, He knew all that would ever happen: and the ultimate end and final judgment of all things. Indeed, He knew the final outcome of all things. Friend, this is the only true God! This is the God in whom we believe. Truly, there is only one God of all Heaven and Earth!

THUS SAITH THE LORD

The Word of God clearly proclaims: *“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.”*³⁴ May we all believe the pure truth of the Word of God! May we not be found fighting against the clear statements it contains! All things as originally created were of God the Father, and by the Lord Jesus Christ. Friend, who can stand against the plain truth of God, and still prosper forever?

SO BE IT

The psalmist proclaims: *“Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.”*³⁵

The apostle proclaims: *“By him [Christ] therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God [the Father] continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.”*³⁶ The angel from Heaven proclaims: *“Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”*³⁷

Friend, may the truth of Creation be brought so clearly to you, that you may glorify God for His great and marvelous works which He has done! May we all be found abiding in Christ, that we may willingly walk in true obedience to God. Only then are we able to give that acceptable honor and praise to God the Father.

Friend, so ends another Chapter in this FIRST EDITION of
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5. *The Holy Bible*, Book of John, chapter 1, verses 1-3.
6. In the *Holy Bible*, the Book of John, chapter 1, verse 14, it is written: *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”* Friend, Who was made flesh, and in this form was sent to dwell among mankind? As the Holy Scriptures are diligently searched, we come to clearly understand that it was Jesus Christ. (Please see also John 17:3) Please note that the Scriptures (in John 1:1) also proclaim that: *“the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”* As we shall find in Chapter 32 of this book, the Word (Who is Christ) is with God (Who is the Father, the Most High God). The Word (which is Christ) is also God. He is proclaimed as Divinity by the Father, and was begotten by Him. Nevertheless, as will be clearly shown in Chapter 32, the Father is the God even of Jesus Christ, because the Father is the Most High God.
Friend, the Holy Scriptures introduce us to the true relationship between God the Father and His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Even in the Old Testament, this truth is clear. In the Book of Proverbs, chapter 30, verse 4, it is written: *“Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son’s name, if thou canst tell?”* Yes, *“what is His name, and what is His Son’s name?”* The two Divine Ones are clearly shown in the Old Testament also.
Throughout the Holy Scriptures, we find that the Most High God (the Father) reigns upon the highest throne in Heaven. Through these same Scriptures, we find that the Father sends forth His Son (Jesus Christ) to perform the work which the Father wants accomplished. So it was also at Creation, as it is written: *“In the beginning was the Word,”* and: *“All things were made by Him.”*
The Father still sends forth His beloved Son to perform those works of which He approves. This truth is clearly seen in the *Holy Bible*, Book of Acts, chapter 4, verses 29-31, where the apostles proclaim: *“‘And now, Lord, behold their [the rulers] threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.’ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”* In Acts 3:6-8, it is written: *“Then Peter said [to the lame man], ‘Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.’ And he [Peter] took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.”*
Friend, please note the following words found in the *Holy Bible*, Book of John, chapter 14, verses 12-14. Here, the Lord Jesus Christ proclaims: *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”* Please note also, that by the Word of God we come to clearly understand that to rightfully partake of the above promise, we must truly be walking in that way which is pleasing to God the Father; otherwise our works will only be sorcery. (For an example of this, see Acts 8:5-11 and Acts 19:13-20.) This very important matter will also be addressed more clearly in Chapter 29 of this book. As a stark warning to this matter, let us end this note with the following words of the Lord Jesus Christ (found in the *Holy Bible*, Book of Matthew, chapter 7, verses 21-23): *“Not every one that saith unto me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?’ And then will I profess unto them, ‘I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.’”* Friend, we must obey the Father! *“He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.”*
7. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Hebrews, chapter 1, verses 1-2.
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9. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Ephesians, chapter 3, verses 1-9.
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14. Friend, much money is wasted every year trying to get a clear picture of what these electrical force fields truly are. But without God, the scientists of mankind will simply ‘stumble in the dark,’ and continue to waste money.
15. *Microsoft Encarta 98 Encyclopedia*, “Radioactivity.”
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18. For a moment, let us consider these new parts which scientists occasionally find within the atom, and the previously unknown and unexplainable properties which are displayed. As a passing thought, has anyone ever considered the possibility that these new things could simply be temporarily produced by a reaction between the natural forces within the atomic structure and the force fields produced by the test equipment of the scientists?
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24. *Impact!: The Threat of Comets and Asteroids*, Gerrit L. Verschuur, 1996, on page 217 speaks of the famous uncertainty principle in physics. This principle states that it cannot be known where an electron is without bouncing something off it to determine its location. In the process, the motion of the electron is affected. Thus the act of observation interferes with the natural phenomenon. In all essence, friend, there is no way in which to examine subatomic particle without creating an altered environment, and therefore a false picture. Mr. Verschuur further declares that it cannot be known precisely and simultaneously where the particle (the electron) is located and how it is moving. In other words, the true natural motion of the electron cannot be determined by all of the extremely expensive devices used by the equally expensive science community. Friend, it does not appear, even with vast amounts of additional scientific funding thrown in, that the uncertainty principle will ever be abridged. The truth is, the true motion of the electron may never be determined by carnal mankind.
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26. *Seattle Times*; Seattle, Washington; March 23, 2001; “The Purest, Deepest Mystery: Lake Vostok is miles beneath ice, yet it’s liquid - and might contain life;” Robert Lee Hotz, page A3.
27. Truly, how else could they keep getting new research grants? How else could they make an expensive career out of continually spending other people’s money, while never producing the real truth?
28. *The Holy Bible*, Book of I Corinthians, chapter 3, verses 19-20.
29. It is a fact that if we go into the Word of God seeking truth, while having any preconceived ideas in our heart, we will not be able to come out of God’s Word with the real truth. The Lord Jesus Christ proclaims (in the *Holy Bible*, Book of Mark, chapter 4, verses 23-25): *“‘If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.’ And he said unto them, ‘Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.’”*

30. There is much to learn from the Word of God about how God works. The apostle Paul makes clear that all things which happened to Israel, even in the Old Testament, are for an example to us. In the Old Testament (the Book of Ezekiel, chapter 14, verses 1-5), the prophet declares: *“Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ‘Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, ‘Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;’ that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.’”*

Friend, it is very important that we put away all of our preconceived ideas and idols out of our hearts and minds before we begin to seek the real truth of God and His Word. Otherwise, God will allow us to receive an answer which is according to our idols, and we shall end up with a false answer. If we are not willing to completely submit to God, He will allow us to go down the path which leads to eternal destruction. The Spirit of God *“shall not always strive with man.”* (*The Holy Bible*, book of Genesis, chapter 6, verse 3) This principle is also shown clearly in the New Testament. The Word of God (in the Book of Romans, chapter 1, verse 28) declares of those who are not submitted to God: *“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient...”* The following words of the Lord Jesus Christ show the true condition of these individuals: *“But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!”* (Book of Matthew, chapter 6, verse 23) Friend, if we are not fully submitted to that way which God has ordained, then we may think that we see, when in fact we are totally blind to the real truth, and on the way to eternal destruction.

The following passage in the New Testament (the *Holy Bible*, Book of II Thessalonians, chapter 2, verses 10-12) declares the final end of the matter. The apostle Paul here speaks of *“them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”* Friend, it is extremely important to do things God’s way, and not our own.

31. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Jeremiah, chapter 29, verse 13.
32. See: *The Holy Bible*, Book of Hebrews, chapter 11, verse 6.
33. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Isaiah, chapter 46, verses 5-10.
34. *The Holy Bible*, Book of I Corinthians, chapter 8, verse 6.
35. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Psalms, chapter 68, verses 1-4.
36. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Hebrews, chapter 13, verse 15.
37. *The Holy Bible*, Book of Revelation, chapter 14, verse 7.