

## **In The Big Inning!**      By Roger Walkwitz

Did you know that baseball was the first sport ever? The angels had to be the players, of course. Maybe the California Angels were named after one of the teams. Not sure what the original team names were, but Michael had to be the manager of one and Gabriel the manager of another. Surely Lucifer had a team also, until he and his team were expelled for cheating.

Anyway, it seems that in **The Big Inning**, probably during the 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch, God was so bored watching the game that He decided to do something different, something exciting. **God decided to create the heavens and the earth!** Wow! That would be quite a show for the angels to watch as they sipped on Gatorade during their 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch. We might even call this the “half-time show.”

First God created out of nothing a mass of material that he called planet Earth. Fireworks always attracts a crowd, so to be sure that every angel was watching, God continued with a spectacular when He said, “Let there be light!” This Light began with the beautiful aurora borealis (the northern lights) and the aurora australis (the southern lights) for the very first 12 hour period. Then God turned on His full Light, plenty of it, in every hue and color imaginable! The fireworks show went on for another 12 hours making a full 24 hour period, with the second half of it in full light, which God called Day, and the first half which God called Night, or as He said, evening and morning were the first 24 hour period from which we learn that darkness precedes light....a very important spiritual Truth throughout the Bible.

During the next 24 hours, God sent part of the water on earth way up in the sky, most likely forming an ice canopy around the whole earth, insulating it from any future dangerous radiation so that eventually mankind could safely live on this earth. (Making a man and a woman was to be His Grand Finale, but He had not told anyone yet.) This ice canopy would make a greenhouse effect on the earth, providing a tropical climate over the total surface. I like that, the main reason I live in Florida! The other part of the water He left on the surface of the earth. The large area between the surface of the earth and the ice canopy above, God called the heavens. We generally call it ‘sky,’ using ‘heavens’ for that beyond our planet earth and its atmosphere, or Space which at this point is still empty of any other physical body.

Then God spent the next 24 hours separating the landmasses on the earth from the waters on the surface, forming the continents and the oceans. He looked it over and said, “Shofar Sho Good!” Since He was pleased up to this point, He continued by calling forth all kinds of vegetation: fruit trees with fruit on the branches and edible plants ready to eat, and all other kinds of trees and plants, a beautiful spectacle by daylight to complement the fireworks in the heavens each night. And so God created Life, plant life, able to reproduce after their kind by producing seeds. Vegetation has a growth cycle regulated by 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness, absolutely essential for plant life to continue. God was so pleased that He said it twice on this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, “Shofar Sho Good!!”

The angels did not mind extending their 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch, as this “half-time show” was really getting exciting! They were probably getting bored with their ball game anyway, as there were no families to watch and cheer. They had never seen anything like this before! In fact, God’s throne in heaven was all they knew, serving and worshiping God...and playing baseball during breaks.

Now God dishes up another spectacular during the 4<sup>th</sup> 24-hour period. Up until this point, the Light that He had sent forth on Day One came from Himself, that radiant Light that surrounds Him and all of His throne area. And also up until this point, planet Earth was the only physical object in Space! But now He creates all the other heavenly bodies and kicks in self-sustaining nuclear reactions, making the sun and all the stars like white-hot furnaces in the vast expanse of the heavens. He names all the stars and places them in a special order as viewed from earth, as these would be the **Signs** in the heavens telling the story of Salvation, or as we say, The Gospel in the Stars!! The earth would now be put in a 24-hour rotation, if it had not been since **The Big Inning** started, so that the sun would now regulate the dark and light sequence necessary for plant growth, called Night and Day. This rotation would also enable a viewer from earth to watch all the stars, and other planets, in the universe in order to read the Signs.

God also made the moon to rotate around the earth to reflect the radiant light from the sun. During about a 29.5 day period, this reflection would go from a full, round face reflection to no reflection and back again to the full, since God designed the rotations of the earth and that of the moon to regulate the **Seasons**, more accurately called the ***Moedim, or Appointed Times***. These Appointed Times were not the 4 seasons of summer, autumn, winter and spring, nor the 2 seasons of dry and rainy. The ***Moedim*** are Passover (and Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits), Pentecost or *Shavuot*, and Tabernacles or *Sukkot* (preceded by *Yom Teruah* and *Yom Kippur*.) These are the only annual celebrations that God is interested

in and is the time when He meets with His Congregations. Shabbat (the Sabbath Day), another Appointed Time, was learned only by revelation from God, as a 7-day week cannot be determined from the movements of the earth, sun, and moon. However, God did tilt the earth so that in its rotation around the sun the 4 seasons would be produced over a period of 365.25 days, or one year.

By now the angels are enraptured and break into singing, with shouts of joy! This is wonderful, with a beautiful earth and twinkling stars blazing with sustained nuclear reactions. God is also quite pleased, so He says, “Shofar Sho Good!!!” since He still has more fascinating things to make.

As the angels continue singing, God goes ahead with His 5<sup>th</sup> 24-hour period by making all the various kinds of moving creatures in the oceans, and all the various kinds of winged creatures that fly in the air. God creates another kind of Life for these, different from vegetation life. These all have the ability to reproduce by mating, not by seeds, so God commands them to multiply to fill the oceans and multiply on the earth. God is also pleased and says for the fourth time, “Shofar Sho Good!!!!” since He has more spectaculars in mind!

Now comes the 6<sup>th</sup> 24-hour period, the last Day of God’s creating genius. He is not tired at all since He only speaks and things happen, but even then, it will be a very busy day. He is also enjoying the response of the angels as they *oooo* and *aaaa* over these fascinating results. So then God made all the creatures that live on the land, big ones and small ones, all of them vegetarians and tame. These also have the kind of Life with the ability to reproduce by mating. He said “Shofar Sho Good” for the last time, because the Grand Finale was next! The biggest surprise of all was about to happen to wrap up this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of **The Big Inning!**

God said, “Let us make mankind in Our Image, after Our Likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the animals, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created mankind in His Own Image, male and female, created beings that He could enjoy fellowship with, talk and reason with, love and be loved by them, very different from the angels.

All the previous creation was the setting for His masterpiece, mankind in His Image! Mankind was also created as vegetarians and, with the ability to reproduce, was told to multiply and fill the earth with more human beings. We now have the third kind of Life that God created. First there was plant life. Second there was animal life. Third there is human Life, *vayyitzer* written with two *yods*, whereas animal life is written with only one *yod*, significantly different, possibly indicating that mankind can be a citizen of both earth and heaven, and therefore has a moral dimension to his reasoning that animals do not have, and the ability to be a companion to God Himself. God does not say shofar anymore, but TOV MEOD, it is VERY GOOD, because His work of Creation is finished!

God rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> Day because His work was finished, not because He was tired. “God blessed the 7<sup>th</sup> Day and made it holy, because in it He rested from all His work which God created and made.” Shabbat becomes a memorial of Creation! Creationists should be the most zealous to observe Shabbat, Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Creation and the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 10 Commandments, worshiping God and keeping the day holy! “If you love Me, keep My Commandments!” It is important to note that God never changed the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath to Sunday! Religious leaders made the change to Sunday a few hundred years after Messiah Yeshua returned to heaven because of their anti-Semitism, and tried to camouflage it by twisting verses and changing the emphasis to the Resurrection of Yeshua. We all rejoice in the Resurrection of Yeshua, but there is no excuse for this change, deliberately flouting the Word of God and ignoring Creation celebration! Maybe this is a reason that the lie of evolution has made such headway?

Now the angels had lots of interesting work to do, taking care of God’s Creation, especially the man and the woman and their offspring. They kept up their singing among the stars, but gave up their game of baseball as they had far more interesting, and important, things to do. Later on, they gave the idea of baseball to some Americans, who enjoyed it and passed it on to some other nations in the world. The Americans continued with the 7<sup>th</sup> Inning Stretch, but have no idea of what happened during that first **Big Inning**...unless they happen to be Born-from-Above Bible Believers who have rejected the Big Lie of macroevolution...and celebrate Creation by worshiping God every Shabbat!