

1. THE BEGINNING OF ACTIVITY IN MATTER.—In such a beginning from matter in the state of a gaseous fluid the activity would be intense, and it would show itself at once by a manifestation of light, since light is a resultant of molecular activity. A flash of light through the universe would therefore be the first announcement of the work begun.

2. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EARTH.—A dividing and subdividing of the original fluid going on would have evolved systems of various grades, and ultimately the orbs of space, among these the earth, an igneous sphere enveloped in vapors.

3. THE PRODUCTION OF THE EARTH'S PHYSICAL FEATURES, by the outlining of the continents and oceans. The condensable vapors would have gradually settled upon the earth as cooling progressed.

4. THE INTRODUCTION OF LIFE UNDER ITS SIMPLEST FORMS, as in the lowest of plants, and perhaps, also, of animals. The systems of structure characterizing the two kingdoms of nature, the *Radiate* of the vegetable kingdom, and the *Radiate, Molluscan, Articulate, and Vertebrate* of the animal, are not brought out in the simplest forms of life. The true *Zoic æra* in history began later. As plants are primarily the food of animals, there is reason for believing that the idea of life was first expressed in a plant.

5. THE DISPLAY OF THE SYSTEMS IN THE KINGDOMS OF LIFE—the exhibition of the four grand types under the animal kingdom, being the predominant idea in this phase of progress.

6. THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HIGHEST CLASS OF VERTEBRATES—that of the *Mammals* (the class to which *Man* belongs), viviparous species, which are eminent above all

other vertebrates for a quality prophetic of a high moral purpose, that of suckling their young.

7. THE INTRODUCTION OF MAN—the first being of moral and intellectual qualities, and one in whom the unity of nature has its full expression.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light day, and the darkness he called night. *And the evening and the morning were the first day.*—Ver. 2-5.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament heaven. *And the evening and the morning were the second day.*—Ver. 6-8.

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. And God called the dry land earth, and the gathering together of the waters called he seas; and God saw that it was good.—Ver. 9-10.

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. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed is in itself, after his kind; and God saw that it was good. *And the evening and the morning were the third day.*—Ver. 11-13.

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 and for seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth; and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth, 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. *And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.*—Ver. 14-19.

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. 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. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas; and let fowl multiply in the earth. *And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.*—Ver. 20-23.

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. And God made the

beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind; and God saw that it was good.—Ver. 24-25.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over 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. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. . . . And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. *And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*—Ver. 26-31.