SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON 1

God the Creator — Genesis 1:1—2:25

Printed Text — Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31

Golden Text —"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1.

The Lesson In Its Setting

Time — It is not known when the universe was created, nor is it definitely known when man was created. However long ago the creation of the universe, the creation of man did not take place before 5000 B.C. though the exact year of this will probably never be known. All ancient histories recognize that there are no records of human civilization antedating 4000 to 5000 B.B.

Place — There have been innumerable conjectures as to the location of the Garden of Eden, but, thus far, none of them have been generally accepted by the Bible scholars; all we can say is that it was probably located somewhere near the lower part of the Tigris and the Euphrates rivers.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." There was no matter before the beginning, nor any planet in the heavens, nor any angel or created being. God was before any thing, or any created person. Every thing that is in the universe today has come from t[illegible] t[illegible] as anything before God, it might be that power or person could ultimately crush God, but, if all things have been made by God, then surely God is greater than all the universe, and, if his power is great enough to create, it is also sufficient to control it. God had no beginning. He was from eternity.

"And the earth was waste and void." (See Jer. 4:23 and Isa. 34:11.) The word waste refers to the matter, and void to the form, and the phrase combining the two denotes a state of utter confusion and desolation, an absence of all that can furnish or people the land.

And darkness was upon the face of the deep." The conjunction indicates that the darkness is connected with the disorder of the previous phrase, and forms a part of the physical dearangement; the deep refers, of course, to the sea (Gen. 7:11; 8:2; Isra. 51:10, etc) "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Here is the beginning of God's work in the restoration of that which has become chaotic. What the Holy Spirit began to do with the chaotic condition, bringing out of it the beauty of a new earth, he also has been sent to do in the human heart, bringing out of its chaos, due to sin, a new life, beautiful and orderly, like that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. Simply for God to utter his word brings into existence whatever God wills (John 1:1-3; Eph. 3:9, Col. 1:16). The fact that God creates by a word is an indication not only of the ease with which he accomplished his work, and of his omnipresence, but also of the fact that he works consciously and deliberately.

"And God saw the light, that it was good." That is, he examined and judged the newly finished product, investigated its nature and its properties, admired its excellency, and, in all these respects, he pronounced good. "And God divided the light from the darkness." Thus God allows darkness still to exist, but never again to become dominant.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night." The first word which we have in the Bible as proceeding from God is the word day. We, as followers of the Lord Jesus, are to walk honestly in the day (Rom. 13:13); we are the children of the day, not of the night. (1 Thess. 5:5. "And there was evening and there was morning, one day." It is significant that, as in the Genesis account of creation, light appeared on the first day, so in the new creation which we have in Jesus Christ, the Lord came forth from the darkness of the grave and death on the first day of the new week in the morning of the resurrection (Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:2; John 20:1, 19).

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." The plural pronoun "us" certainly indicates that God took counsel with at least one other in this supreme, final work of creation, and we can believe he took counsel with no angels, but with the other two persons of the Godhead, the Son and the Holy Ghost. This is the only place in all the six days of creation concerning which we have a record of such a council; three times in the narrative of man's origin do we have the word create, both facts emphasizing the preeminent signi[illegible] [illegible]ticular aspect of creation above all preceding ones. "And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." "And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Man lost perfect dominion over the creatures when he fell in sin; thousands of men and women every year are destroyed by the animal creation, especially in countries where gospel is not known, such as India and Africa. Dominion over the creatures will be restored to man during the Millennium (see Isa. 11:6-9).

"And God blessed them; and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have a dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green her for food; and it was so. Four things are to be discovered here: the Creator bestows a general blessnig upon the newly created pair, our first parents; he commands them to be fruitful and multiply that they might replenish the earth and bring it into perfect subjection; he gave them full dominion over all creatures beneath them; the Creator gave them herbs and trees for food. It would seem that originally man's diet was exclusively a vegetable one. It is not recorded that man ate the flesh of animals until after the flood.

"And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning, the sixth day. Perhaps here we might just add a word about the meaning of the word day in the creation narrative. Many believe that this word, as used in the first chapter of Genesis, must meant a period of twenty-four hours. Others believe that it was used to indicate a long of period of time, perhaps geologic ages. We must remember that the word day has different meanings in different places and does not always mean a period of twenty-four hours; thus in Genesis, 1:5, it means only that part of a period of twenty-four hours in which the light shines; yet again, in the very same verse, both the morning and the evening are called one day. Again, in Genesis 2:4, the phrase the day refers to the entire period of creation. Elsewhere in the Bible the same phrase is used to indicate various periods of time (John 6:39, 44, 54; Rom. 8:19-23).

Cotton Lace Creation

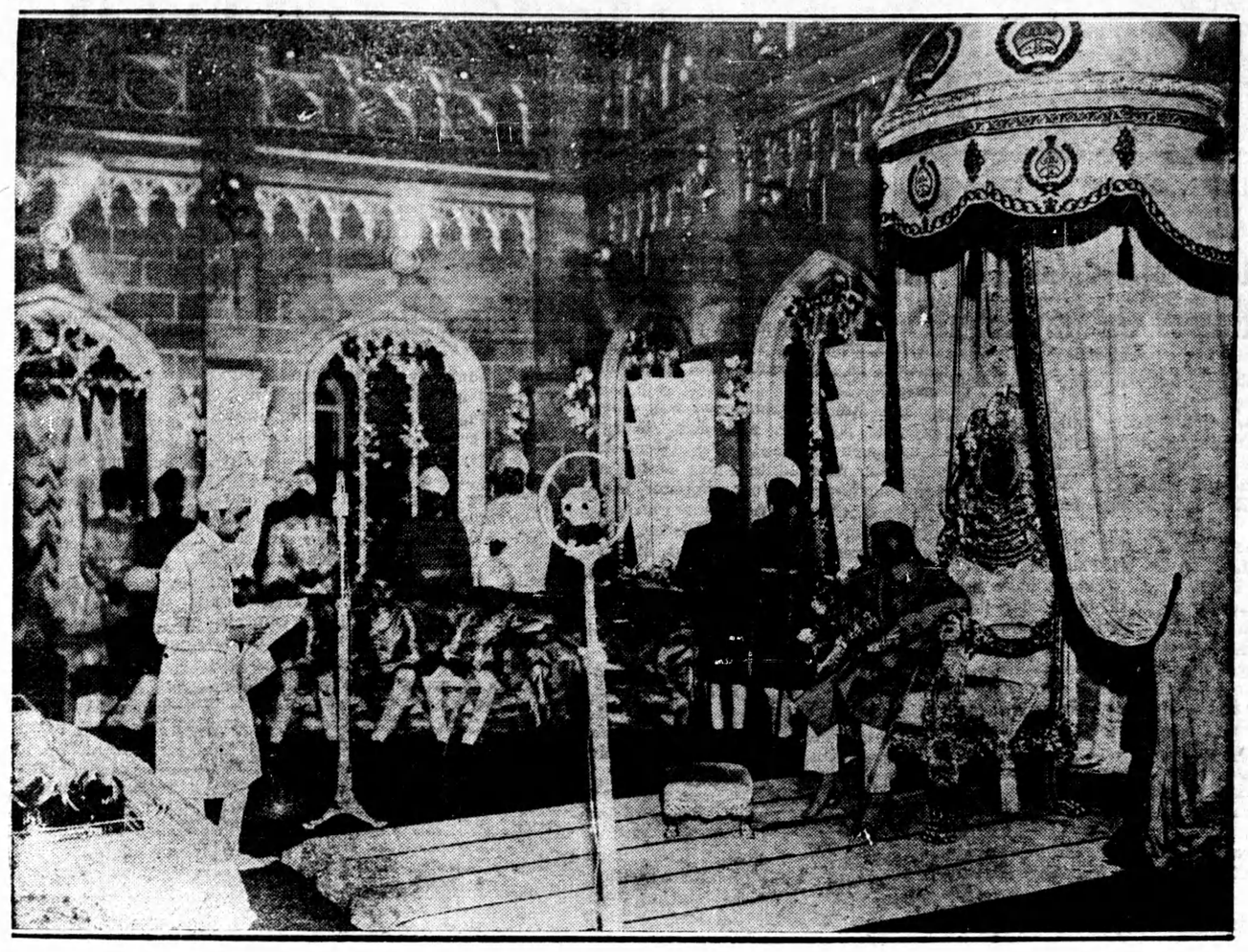
Stunning jacket of white cotton lace, with cuffs and pockets of white chamois, was created by Maggy Rouff for wear over a formal gown of white crepe.

"America is beginning to see—and indeed beginning very acutely to feel—that it is itself a part of the world and when the world suffers will have to sufer with it."
—Havelock Ellis.

"Any progress which is not based on an intrinsic advance in human intelligence is very precarious."
—Dean Inge.

Great Britain has about 10,000 private schools, with 370,000 pupils.

Splendor of Nizam Hyderabad's Silver Jubilee Celebrations



Splendid ceremonies marked the silver jubilee of the Nizam of Hyderabad, ruler of the largest and wealthiest of Indian native states, and probably the richest man in the world. Picture shows the Nizam, a simple figure on his throne in the magnificent courtroom, hearing an address read to him by his second son, Prince Muazzam Jah, on behalf of the Hyderabad Improvement Trust, during the jubilee celebrations. On the sofa to the left are the heir-apparent and Prince Aly Khan, heir to the Aga Khan.

These Shells Get a Second Chance

Prices of raw materials for war are soaring throughout the world. As one result, this thrifty Belgian lad profitably spends his time collecting old shell cases from Great War battlefields near his home. Shrapnel and other metal scraps left behind 20 years ago find ready market today.

Farm Problems

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Question 1:—"How can I tell what analysis of fertilizer is most suitable for my farm? The most of it is heavy clay soil. What would be suitable to put on Old Meadow?" — G. Q., Perth County.

Answer:—The only way you can obtain fairly definite information as to the fertilizer mixture that is most suitable for your soils, is for you to send a sample of the soils to the Department of Chemistry, O.A.C., Guelph Ont., where by rapid methods we can test these soils far acidity and mineral content. Samples of soil should be taken at about plow depth from a number of places in the field. Mix these samples together and send about ½ pint of the mixed material for analysis. This is best sent in a cotton bag.

For Old Meadows, experiments have largely shown that 250 lbs. of 3-10-5 or 4-12-6 have given best results. This fertilizer should be applied broadcast over the meadow as soon as growth begins in the spring.

Question 2.—"I had intended to buy 20% Phosphate and mix Muriate of Potash together without filler, and sow thinner. I would like to know whether you think this will work satisfactorily or not. In case I want to add 2% nitrogen to it what material would you use, such as nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia?

How would you mix a good digestable mineral that is high in Phosphorus and Calcium? Would steamed bone meal be alright to use it"? — S. A., Bruce County.

Answer:—I would say that a mixture of 20% Phosphate and Muriate of Potash can be made for sowing as you indicate. You do not say in what quantities you plan to mix these, but I see no reason why the mixture should not give results.

The big point is to get it on evenly, which means that great care must be taken in the first place in the mixing of the phosphate and potash so that each pound, or gallon, will carry an equal proportion of plant nutrients. If you wish to add 2% nitrogen, you would have to add 200 lbs. of Sulphate of Ammonia, or 267 lbs. of Nitrate of Soda to the ton.

For a good digestible mineral mixture high in phosphorus and calcium, probably nothing supersedes steamed bone meal. This is good healthy bone, cooked with steam under pressure. This practically removes all the protein and fat from the bone, and the bone is then dried and ground into fine white powder, and should be almost free of odor. Fertilizer bone meal should not be used for stock feeding, since in preparing fertilizer bone meal the meat is boiled under ordinary conditions to let loose the flesh from the bone. This does not kill disease germs as thoroughly as where the material is cooked under steam pressure. Some stock men advise the adding of a small amount of Iron Salt and Iodized Salt.

Question 3:—"Does Nitrate of Soda work more rapidly than Sulphate of Ammonia? Which one of the two is most satisfactory for spring crop?"—E. G. L., Grey County.

Answer:—Nitrate of Soda supplies nitrogen in a form that is immediately usable by crops. Nitrate of Soda is immediately soluble in soil mixture. Sulphate of Ammonia is likewise immediately soluble, but in very large part, the nitrogen supplied in Sulphate of Ammonia must undergo change in the soil to the nitrate form before it can be used by growing crops. Hence, its action has to wait for bacterial growth in the soil. It is therefore a little slower than Nitrate of Soda.

Sulphate of Ammonia leaves an acid reaction. If your soil is already acid, Sulphate of Ammonia will add to this trouble. Nitrate of Soda is neutral in reaction.

BUY 'PEG PLAYER

Winterhaven, Fla —Officials of the Boston Bees, National League baseball club have announced the purchase of Secondbaseman Len Ellison from the Winnipeg Maroons, Northern League club. They said they had ordered him to report to the Albany Club of the New York-Pennsylvania League.

Movie-radio gossip

By DOROTHY

Everyone who enjoys madcap comedy will be pleased with the forthcoming "Love Is News." Tyrone Power, Don Ameche and Loretta Young play the leading roles, but there is another member of the cast who may interest you even more. Playing opposite Tyrone Power is a young lady named Carol Tevis who is an old, old favorite of yours. Never heard of her? Maybe not under that name, but surely you will recall that you have loved and cherished her for years when I tell you that she used to be the voice of Minnie Mouse.

All Hollywood is rejoicing because W. C. Fields is so far on the road to recovery, that he is able to have a few visitors now, walk around the sanitarium grounds, and even think about coming back to Paramount to work. During his illness he became one of the country's leading radio fans. All day and far into the night he was listening, and he thinks that curiosity about the next punch in the Jack Benny - Fred Allen feud helped to keep him alive. His other favorites are Easy Aces and Lum and Abner.

Zasu Pitts has come back from England where she made two pictures, paused in New York a short time and hustled into Hollywood to go to work at RKO. She loved sightseeing in England, particularly as her guide was the mellow-voiced Charles Laughton of innumerable film triumphs, including "Ruggles of Red Gap" in which she appeared. Laughton not only showed her around London, he gave her a pair of exquisite French antique vases for her new home. Incidentally, a radio sponsor is trying to get Zasu to devote all her time to radio programs.

ODDS and ENDS — John Barrymore looked at himself on the screen and was so shocked that he went off to the desert with a physical trainer and went in for regular hours and exercise. After two weeks he emerged looking healthy and about ten years young . . . Gertrude Michael, fully recovered after a long hospital siege, is starting work in "There Goes My Girl," a newspaper story in which Lee Tracy, as usual, plays the star reporter . . . Paul Muni grew a beard for his part in "The Woman I Love" and was longing for the day when he could shave it off when he got the bad news that he will have to keep it months longer for his role in "The Life of Emile Zolo." . . . Shirley Temple has been promoted to the fourth grade, but she can console herself that she would be rated a senior in any singing, dancing or dramatic school.

The throne at Windsor Castle is composed entirely of ivory, and decorated with many precious stones.

"A press in any country is as free as the people want it to be."
—Lady Astor.