

stars also. The universe in all its vastness was made and operated by Him.

This close relationship of God to the universe some might think would lead to pantheism, but the writers guard against this error by telling us that He was before all things, that He was God from all eternity. Their thought seems to have been that everything in nature depended upon Him for its existence, but He was in no way dependent on anything in the material universe for His existence. If the universe was blotted out He would still be God.

They knew that the heavenly bodies were all in motion, for they tell us that they were to be for signs and for seasons, for days and years. By looking at a few facts, which modern astronomers have clearly established, we will the more easily understand how they conceived the Spirit of God to produce motion in the universe.

This earth is one of the heavenly bodies and belongs to a group of worlds which astronomers call the "Solar System." It is constantly travelling around the sun, and makes a complete revolution on its