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And God said: Let the earth bring forth the living creature in its kind, cattle and creeping things, and beasts of the earth, according to their kinds. And it was so done. And according to their kinds, and cattle, and everything that creepeth on the earth made the beasts of the earth, earth after its kind. And God saw that it was good. And He said: Let us make man to Our image and likeness; and let him have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and the beasts and the whole earth, and every creeping creature that moveth upon the earth. And God created man to His own image; to the image of God He created him: male and female He created them. And God blessed them, saying: Increase and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and rule over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and all living creatures that move upon the earth. And God said: Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed upon the earth, and all trees that have in themselves seed of their own kind, to be your meat. And to all the beasts of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every creeping thing upon the earth, wherein there is life, that they may have to feed upon. And so it was done. And God saw all the things that He had made and they were very good. And the evening and morning were the sixth day.

So the heavens and the earth were finished and all the furniture of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made: and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. And He blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made. These are the generations of the heaven and the earth. When they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the heaven and the earth.

Thus Moses resumes both the divine and human revelation concerning the creation of the world. We will now listen to the interpretation in order to understand it. The first word, "In the beginning," has three meanings, all equally true. In the commencement of time, in the commencement of things; in the Divine Word, God created the heavens and the earth. The last of these three interpretations is the most sublime, without being less true than the others. The greatest Doctor of the Church, St. Augustin, said to his people: When Christ was asked by the Jews who He was, He answered, "I am the beginning." These words in Genesis, "In the beginning," God made heaven and earth," signify then in the Son Who is the commencement, the principle, that is to say, in Christ, that God made heaven and earth because all things were made by Him, and that nothing was made without Him as we see in the last Gospel of the Mass. You see by this that the Trinity is one God, even by the first verse of the Bible. God the Father, and the Son, the principle as He Himself says, and if you look for the Holy Ghost you will find Him in another phrase. "The Spirit of God moved over the waters." And when we see later that God said: "Let there be light, and God formed the earth," this shows that the works of the Trinity are inseparable. There are some, says St. Ambrose, who understand by the spirit that moved over the waters the air we breathe, but we understand the Holy Ghost, so that the operation of the Holy Trinity is shown in the creation of the world. After having said that God made heaven and earth in the principle, that is, in Christ, the fulness of the operation in the Spirit remained, according to what is written. "The heavens were confirmed by the Word of the Lord and their army by the spirit of His mouth." The Spirit of God moved over the waters because they were to produce the seed of new creatures. In Hebrew the movement of the Spirit on the waters is described as a bird hovering close to the water without touching it, or like a hen sitting lightly on a nest.

There are many other explanations given by Jewish and Christian authors; all saw in the very first verse of the Bible that the Trinity was there spoken of. The name of God in Hebrew, "Elohim," is in the plural number, signifying more than one; while the word "bara," which means created, is in the singular, showing only one God. Again, in the sixth century before Christ, we see a Chinese philosopher attributing the production of all things to a Supreme Being, one that shone at the same time, and whom he called the "Heaven." This notion of the Trinity in God is also to be found, although less exact, in India, Egypt and Greece. But, out of what did God make or create heaven and earth?

The Holy Scriptures in one place tells us that the powerful hand of God created the world out of a shapeless matter, and in another place that He made heaven and earth out of nothing. Both of those statements are true. We have seen that the earth was in the first place useless, without shape, void, invisible, and that darkness covered the face of the deep. Behold then this confused matter, without order or arrangement, without a distinct form; see that chaos, that confusion, the tradition of which is preserved and was seen by the ancient poets, for that is what is meant by the darkness, that immense abyss which covered the earth; this confused mixture of all things, that shapelessness of the empty and unfruitful earth. Now it was from this formless matter that God instituted the order, the arrangement, that harmony, that we see in the world. But this formless matter itself was made by God in the commencement, for it never existed before. Thus we can say with the Greek philosopher Thales, and with Peter, the first of the Apostles, that God produced from water, or from chaos all our world; and we must say at the same time with the holy mother of the Machabees, that God made heaven and earth out of nothing. He made them out of nothing which they were beforehand: "For He spoke and they were made; He commanded and they were created."

But who is God Who made everything? He Himself tells us: "I am Jehovah or He who is." When Moses asked Him His name, he answered: "I AM WHO AM." Thus shalt thou say to the people of Israel. He who is has sent me to you." Doctors of the Church, teachers of the synagogue, pagan philosophers, all have admitted those words, taken to heart and developed that thought. At the same time all concluded that all else is not, properly speaking, since God alone is.

"Behold Thou hast made my days measurable; and my substance is as nothing before Thee," said David to God in the 88th psalm. "When we compare created things to God," says a holy and learned Bishop, St. Anselm of Canterbury, "we must say that they are not. God alone is, because He is by Himself; He does not change; He is always entirely all that He has been and all that He shall be. Man, on the contrary, and with him every creature, is not by himself, but by loan; he is not in a solid manner, but is always variable; he is not now what he was, nor is he yet what he shall be; hardly is he what he is before he ceases to be. Now, what hardly is, we may say is not. We have no share in the real being because all human nature is between birth and death. But God Who alone is, is not alone.

He, existence itself, power itself, life itself, fecundity itself. He produces eternally from His bosom another self, who is His Son, His Word, His Wisdom, the character of His substance, the imprint of His person; and eternally the Father and the Son produce the Holy Ghost, their mutual love, and who proceeds from one and the other as from a single principle. Three persons in one God, one only God in three persons, in whom being, intelligence and love hold communication eternally and infinitely, so that there is perfect equality between the producing power and the product, and that God himself cannot desire to manifest more perfectly His being, His intelligence, and His love. The grand thought that God alone is, and that, compared with Him, creatures are not, may also conceive an answer to the question: When did God create the world? In God there is no when, no stated time. In God there is neither past nor future, but an eternal now. We may say, then, that God is eternally creating all that it pleases Him to create. (To be Continued.)

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