MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

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THE PURPOSE OF GOD

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The Reason for the Earth Is Man

* If the earth is the reason for the stellar heavens, what is the reason for the earth?

Genesis 1 gives the account of Creation. Creation consists of a series of acts by God. These creative acts culminate in the creation of man. When man was created, God's creative activity came to a rest. Man was the goal of the whole creative movement. Science must here agree with the Biblical account of creation in the placing of man at the summit of creation. He was the last and the highest of God's works.

The earth has no reason for existing outside of man. Unconscious nature cannot enjoy its beauty, contemplate, nor use what it has produced. Only when God placed upon this earth a man created in His image, was there a reason for the vast universe which had been created. God had endowed this man with the capacities to enjoy the beauty of His workmanship, and to utilize its resources.

Isaiah 45:18, "For thus saith Jehovah that created the heavens, the God that formed the earth and made it, formed it to be inhabited." The Word declares here that God created this earth to be inhabited by man. In His creative acts He met every need that man would have in his life upon earth.

Ages on ages He wrought in storing up treasures of all kinds of wealth for his man. He filled earth's bosom with deposits of iron, copper, silver and gold, and with uncounted varieties of metals, chemicals and forces. He covered the face of the earth with mountains, valleys, ravines, plateaus and prairies, lovely rivulets, streams and river, and with many beautifully colored flowers that thrilled with joy the heart of God's man. Fruits and vegetables supplied food for man. The Great Architect of human need and joy knew man's needs, while yet unborn, and in creation's wondrous plan, these needs were met. Man is the only creature who can enjoy its beauty or use its resources.