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***2 Peter 3:3-7***

***3First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.4They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” 5But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.***

***Genesis 1:1-19***

***1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2Now the earth was formless and empty,  darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.***

***3And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.***

***6And God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water.” 7So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. 8God called the expanse “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.***

***9And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear. And it was so.10God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.***

***11Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. 12The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.13And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.***

***14And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, 15and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. 16God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, 18to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.***

How big is the God you worship? An honest answer will color and tint how you read and view the Bible. The pat Sunday School response is “Oh, He‛s very big.” But are we convinced? At times, it can be advantageous to revisit a thought or concept in the spirit of genuine study. We can then walk away from the process, confident and reaffirmed in our beliefs. Or, if necessary, adjust to additional information, and rethink our convictions, always aligning our beliefs with the Word of God.

It is fascinating that God used Peter to warn us that in our day, Creation would be questioned heavily by society. The theories that abound in our textbooks and media conclude anything but the Biblical model of a God who has the power and intelligence to create everything from absolute nothingness.

If we believe the Bible to be true, and we must, then the creation story found in Genesis must also be true. It is not fable or mythology written by people who just didn’t know any better. The first chapter of Genesis is an accurate, thorough account of the beginning of history. And day four of creation must stop us in our tracks.

I have had Christian teachers in my life who have tried to explain away the Biblical account of creation, stating that God used time to create the changes in life (evolution). Even the Pope in Rome said recently that “God did not have a magic wand at creation.” But day four of

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First of all, you need to be aware that Mr. Lyle doe not particularly care for cats. They don’t come when you call, they aren’t happy to see you when you come home. Who needs a lump of fur that you have to feed and take care of?

Don’t tell anyone, but Mr. Lyle has developed a soft spot for Hammie, the cat who lives at his house. Each morning they talk to each other—really! Mr. Lyle goes out to the garage to put on his work shoes and he will ask Hammie a question like how his night was. Hammie meows back. Every question is responded to with a generous meow. And their conversation can go on like that for 10-15 minutes.

## **HAMMIE**

# Day Four of Creation Is Incredible

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