

## CHAPTER TWO

### IN THE BEGINNING

So, let us continue to take a closer look at this awesome Father God that we serve. Scientists have emphasized the vital role that genetics play in the development and function of life. Perhaps it is time that we as Christians take time to examine again our genetic makeup. I am constantly amazed at the hidden treasures that lie in familiar passages of Scripture. The first five books of the Bible are also called “The Pentateuch”. We attribute them to Moses. Jews and Christians alike consider these works to be sacred. Genesis is the first book of the Pentateuch. “Genesis” is defined as “the origin, the source”, or “the coming into being of something.” Words such as gene, genetic, genealogy and generation derive from the root word “genesis”.

A couple of years ago, Kathy and I decided to splurge a little and take a vacation in Hawaii. While relaxing on the beach, I began to reflect on the first four words of the Bible recorded in Genesis – “*In the beginning God...*”<sup>1</sup> Unexpectedly these words took on new significance for me. Most of us in our finite reasoning view time as a linear dimension. Therefore, everything must have a beginning, a commencement, or a starting place. As mentioned, the first verse of the Bible states, “*In the beginning God...*” At that moment, I thought to myself, “But God and eternity have no beginning.” We know that which is everlasting has no end, but that which is eternal has neither end nor beginning. Eternity consists of a dimension outside of time. We know that God is eternal; therefore, God was, is, and always will be the pre-existent and ever-existent one. God existed prior to the beginning. He lived and He continues to live outside of the dimension of time. Creation was the first act recorded of God, but God existed before creation. Consequently, the Bible does not begin with creation, but it begins with God: “In the beginning – God!” Subsequently, everything that exists has its beginning in God. God is the creator, the originator and the source of all that comes into being. All existence, all reality, all creation and all things have their beginning with God. For my part, I believe that only a fool would question the existence of God. The Biblical definition of a fool is a person who says in his heart, “*There is no God.*”<sup>2</sup> This book is not intended to be an apologetic for the Christian faith. It is not written for the agnostic or atheist, or what the Bible dubs as fools. Therefore, I shall from this point on assume that you concur with the statement, “In the beginning

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 1:1

<sup>2</sup> Psalms 14:1

God.” For those who question the existence of God I can only say with pity, “Ignorance can be enlightened, but stupidity is hopelessly dark.”

With this in mind, the Hebrew word for God used in Genesis 1:1 is ‘Elohiym.’ Interestingly, Elohiym is a plural form of the Hebrew word ‘Elowah’ that translates as God. Later in the first chapter of Genesis we read, “*Let us make man in our image and after our likeness...*”<sup>3</sup> Yet again we see God referring to Himself in the plural words ‘us’ and ‘our.’ Rest assured, I am not proposing some form of heretical polytheism. Instead, while holding to the Scriptural truth of monotheism, I believe that the Pentateuch substantiates the reality of the Trinity. That is to say, prior to creation, prior to the beginning, God existed in three persons, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They lived and continue to live in divine communion in absolute peace, unity and harmony with one another, co-existent and co-substantial; that is to say, they are of identical and indistinguishable substance. Only in a feeble and futile attempt to explain the unexplainable, one might explain co-substantiality using water, ice and steam.

The first letter of the Greek alphabet is Alpha, and the final letter is Omega. Four times in the book of Revelation Jesus is revealed to John as “*Alpha and Omega.*”<sup>4</sup> The passages say of Jesus, “*I am the beginning and the end.*” The beginning and the end are not simply a concept or a thing, but are embodied in the person of Jesus Christ. *Jesus is “the one who is and was and is to come.”*<sup>5</sup> These Scriptures then correspond with the words of the Apostle John who wrote, “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*”<sup>6</sup> Jesus was with God the Father in eternity, before creation. John continues by saying, “*All things came into being through Him (e.g., Jesus) and apart from Him nothing came into being.*”<sup>7</sup> The Son was totally involved with the Father in creation. In His great intercessory prayer, recorded also by John, Jesus said, “*Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.*”<sup>8</sup> Not only was Jesus with the Father during the act of creation, but Jesus was with the Father before the world was. Therefore, all that we know prior to creation and the existence of things is there was God. Taking into account the above, we can conclude that the DNA, or the divine atom and nucleus of the cosmic and celestial realm of eternity, consists of a relationship between a Father, a Son and the Holy Spirit. A

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<sup>3</sup> Genesis 1:26 (emphases are mine)

<sup>4</sup> Revelation 1:8; 1:11; 21:6; 22:13

<sup>5</sup> Revelation 1:8

<sup>6</sup> John 1:1

<sup>7</sup> John 1:2-3

<sup>8</sup> John 4:5

primary effort of God recorded throughout the Scriptures is the recovery and restoration of fathers and sons in fellowship and communion with the Holy Spirit. God is at work in restoring humanity to his original DNA. The ramifications of this work of restoration have enormous implications. **As we shall see, family, ministry, and the Kingdom itself perpetuate through the reproduction of sons.** The relationship between fathers and sons is interlaced like a golden thread throughout the Bible as well as throughout this book.

