

all kinds of being certainly lies beyond all possibility (or even probability) of credible acceptance. As previously stated, to assume that matter is to be regarded as the sole reality is to attribute to atoms all the facets and powers that theologians attribute to God, including supreme intelligence, creative power, autonomous eternal (timeless) existence. Those who leave God out of their philosophy are under the necessity of showing how (or even that) mindless, non-living matter has been capable of organizing itself, of becoming alive, and of endowing itself with consciousness, reason, and self-consciousness (personality). On these conclusions we rest our intelligent faith upon the fact of the self-existent living and true God of the Bible. *Being is a hierarchy, not a continuum of existents.*

[However, see my essay on "Evolution and Evolutionism" at the end of this volume.]

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW OF PART THREE

1. How do we know that man is a creature? What is the significance of this fact?
2. What are the ultimate intrinsic and extrinsic ends of man? What is our basis for these beliefs?
3. What is the necessary means to man's attainment of Perfect Happiness?
4. In what does the life with the Holy Spirit begin?
5. What are the prerequisites, according to Scripture, of betrothal to Christ?
6. What are the essential facts of the Gospel? What is the fundamental truth of the Gospel message?
7. State the three commands and the three great promises of the Gospel.
8. What is the meaning of the title *Messias* or *Christ*?
9. When does the actual marriage of Christ and His Bride take place? Give Scripture proofs.
10. Explain what is meant by the *Hierarchy* of Being. How does this differ from a continuum?
11. Explain Lotze's theory of the breaks in the continuity of Being?
12. What are the obvious gaps in the ascending Continuity of Being?
13. Is *any* theory of Creation possible that would ignore the necessity of a Creative Power?
14. Can Creation ever be accounted for if Efficient Causality is rejected?
15. State LeConte's definition of evolution.
16. Why do we reason that a Creation did take place, whatever may have been the method?
17. Explain the philosophy of Holism, as related to the Hierarchy of Being. Explain "This is a universe of whole-making."
18. State the substance of Montague's discussion of the chances of surviving death.
19. According to Montague's argument what are the four "fields of existence" which make up the Hierarchy of Being.
20. "Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people." What are the reasons for this affirmation?

THE HIERARCHY OF BEING

21. What, according to Scripture, are the different levels on which the Spirit operates in the Totality of Being? By what designation is His activity described in each of these areas?
22. What are the evidences in the first chapter of Genesis that support our empirical view of the Hierarchy of Being?
23. Distinguish between *primary* creation and *secondary* creation. How does this distinction harmonize with the distinction of *general* and *special* Providence?
24. What three stages of Creation are clearly marked out in the Biblical narrative?
25. Give the substance of Hesiod's cosmogony.
26. What did *Chaos* mean in Greek thought? How does this accord with the first two verses of Genesis?
27. What were the advances in the Creative Process that were brought about in an ascending order by the Breath of God?
28. What, according to Scripture, did God plan from before "the foundation of the world"?
29. What is the ultimate phase of the Creative Process?
30. In what state of being will the Divine Cosmic Plan be realized in the saints? In what respects will they be "conformed to the image of God's Son"?
31. What two classes will appear in the Judgment and what will be the destiny of each?
32. Why do we say that Redemption will be the second—and the last—phase of the whole Creative Process?
33. What are the three integral parts, or events, of the Divine Plan of the Universe?
34. What is the highest level in the total Hierarchy of Being?
35. Explain: Being is a *hierarchy*, not a *continuum*.
36. Explain spiritual progression from the Kingdom of Nature, through the Kingdom of Grace into the Kingdom of Glory.
37. Distinguish between *evolution* and *evolutionism*.
38. What error is involved in presenting *evolution* as a *fact*.
39. What do we mean by saying that the theory is built on *inference*?
40. Is the inference *necessary* inference? Explain your answer.
41. What is Jauncey's explanation of the misguided zeal of evolutionists? What is his evaluation of the current state of the hypothesis?
42. What fallacy is involved in the title, "Can Science Produce Life?"
43. What is one unfortunate "pragmatic" effect of evolutionism?
44. Explain why there is no adequate explanation of the cosmos without Efficient Causality.
45. Why is the angelic host essential to any adequate presentation of the Hierarchy of Being?
46. What does the Bible teach regarding the origin of the angelic host?
47. How are angels differentiated from men with respect to origin? With respect to their essential nature?
48. What seems to be the outstanding attribute of the angelic nature?
49. Is angelic power and intelligence limited? Explain, and give Scriptures to justify your answer.
50. What do we mean by saying that angels are "ethereal" beings? Can you think of any other adjective that would properly describe them?
51. What, according to Heb. 1:14, is the work of the angelic host? How prominently are angels presented in Scripture? Cite cases of their activities as reported in Scripture.
52. Are we logical in affirming that the angelic host occupies properly the intermediate position between man and God?

THE ETERNAL SPIRIT — HIS PERSON AND POWERS

53. What statement of Jesus justifies our conclusion that angels are without sex distinctions?
54. How is the angelic host represented in Scripture (1) as to number, (2) as to organization.
55. What is pictured to be the activity of the good angels?
56. In what ways do the angels minister God's providence?
57. Give instances of the ministrations of angels to individual believers.
58. In what ways do the angels execute God's will in *nature* and in *history*?
59. Summarize the doctrine of fallen angels as presented in the Bible.
60. What will be the ultimate destiny of the good angels?
61. What will be the ultimate destiny of the evil angels?
62. Who was Satan originally? Summarize what is stated about him and his activities as revealed in Scripture.
63. Summarize the role of angels in the Drama of Redemption.
64. What position do the angels hold in the Hierarchy of Being?
65. Are angels presented in Scripture as "supernatural" or as "superhuman"? Explain your answer.
66. What is meant by *nature* and *natural* processes, as distinguished from *human* and *superhuman*?
67. What is meant by *dualistic (dichotomic)* "impositions of the human mind upon reality"?
68. Certainly "nature" is a term which includes all *created* beings. But, is there any justification for assuming that God is a part of nature, or the whole of nature Himself?
69. Explain what is meant by *emanationism*.
70. Diagram the hierarchical interpretation of the cosmos as suggested by the Neoplatonists.
71. What general theory of emanation did the Gnostics hold?
72. Explain the hierarchical view of the cosmos as put forward by the various cults of Hinduism.
73. Why, according to Toy, has pantheism never "commended itself to the masses of men"?
74. Diagram Plato's concept of the Hierarchy of Being.
75. Diagram Aristotle's description of the Hierarchy of Being.
76. Note the hierarchical implications of self-styled Emergentism.
77. What is the empirical account of the Dimensions of Being?
78. Diagram the Biblical account of the Hierarchy of Being. Show the correspondence between the Biblical and empirical accounts.
79. Diagram the hierarchical picture that is given us in the Genesis account of the Creation.
80. Diagram the Teilhardian account of the Hierarchy of Being.
81. What significant features are added in the Teilhardian presentation that are not to be found in preceding philosophical descriptions?
82. Explain the theory of the Great Chain of Being.
82. What is our "conclusion of the whole matter"?