In the beginning God created the **entire universe**. (Read about it in the Bible, Genesis chapter 1) He created it in 6 literal days. **All** of creation was made by God, for God, and for the benefit of mankind. This makes our planet special and unique. We do not need to fear an invasion of aliens from outer space. They simply do not exist. We are the crown and glory of God's creation.

This means that **all** artifacts, ancient civilizations, and even technologies that have been found were made **by mankind** (not so-called aliens) during an earlier period of earth's history. Despite the traditional view, there is now solid, shocking proof that the people of Noah's day developed technology similar to ours, perhaps greater (info at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pz9UohQYEfI). Other than the fact that they were evil, the Bible tells us absolutely nothing about their lifestyle. Perhaps God left it out of the Bible because He was concerned that we would rush to develop technology like theirs, and turn away from Him. Technology tends to have that effect on people. We want to be our own gods.
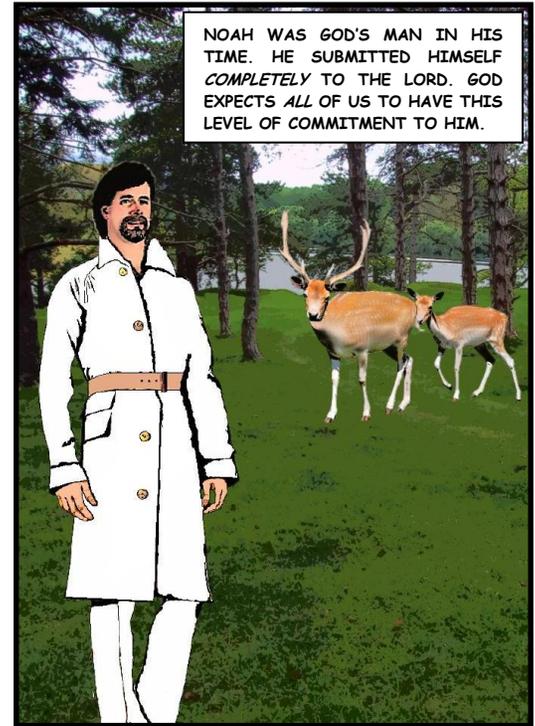
Many people today speak of "the Lost City (or Continent) of Atlantis," a civilization which they say was buried under water when the Atlanteans became proud. Some people refer to them as "the Ancients."

Those of us who know the scriptures well know the **true** story, as God had it recorded: Thousands of years ago the people were just like us. As a matter of fact, Jesus Christ Himself said "…they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage…." (The Bible, Matthew 24:38) They were simply busy with the activities of life. They weren't interested in pleasing God, who created mankind to have a pure relationship with Him. Everybody made up their own moral laws, and turned to their own evil desires.

"Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually." (The Bible, Genesis 6:5) The whole world was completely full of **sin** (the things that we think, say, and do that make God angry), and God was sick of it!

But the Lord had one man who was faithful to Him. That man was Noah. God planned to destroy mankind with a worldwide flood. But the Lord was going to save Noah, his family, and a few of every kind of animal so that mankind and the animals could repopulate the earth afterwards.

NOAH WAS GOD'S MAN IN HIS TIME. HE SUBMITTED HIMSELF *COMPLETELY* TO THE LORD. GOD EXPECTS *ALL* OF US TO HAVE THIS LEVEL OF COMMITMENT TO HIM.

God gave Noah **exact** instructions to build an ark (a huge boat) so that he and his family could safely float above the waters. "Some estimate that the ark was…about 450 to 500 feet long, weighing about 34,000 tons." (The Only Hope, by Chick Publications) People lived for hundreds of years in Noah's day. God gave Noah and his family about 120 years to build the ark (See the Bible, Genesis 6:3). It is not clear whether or not Noah hired other people to help him.

God used Noah to warn the people of the earth, but they refused to **repent** (surrender their life and will to God). They simply ignored the Lord's message. Finally, the flood came and covered the entire earth (See Genesis, chapter 7). It destroyed all mankind, while Noah and his family safely escaped in the ark.

Now, thousands of years later, mankind is once again "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage..." —ignoring God and putting all of our activities before pleasing Him. We still make up our own moral laws, and completely ignore our conscience that He has given us. We make excuses for ourselves and others. We somehow think that just being friendly to everyone and cleaning up the planet is going to make God happy.

Here's something to think about: Have you ever told a lie, even once? Have you ever hated someone? (murder of the heart) Have you ever stolen, even something small...looked at anyone lustfully (adultery of the heart)...prayed to statues, images, or *anyone* besides God, including at church? (idolatry) Have you ever disrespected your parents, cursed, or used God's name as a curse word? Have you ever got drunk or got high on drugs? Can you think of other sins you have done?

The problem is, no matter how good we *think* we are, it will *never* be enough to get us into heaven. God is pure and holy. Heaven is pure and holy. If God let everyone

into heaven with whatever sins they enjoy, heaven would become just as messed up as earth. And because we are *all* sinners, the Lord has pronounced judgment on all mankind, condemning us all to burn forever in hell when we die. That's terrifying! (See The Bible, Romans 3:19)

BUT...because of His great love for us, God sent His perfect, only Son, Jesus Christ, from heaven to earth in human form to suffer and die on a cross for our sins! Jesus did this so that we can be forgiven of our sins, escape hell, and go to heaven instead. Then Jesus rose from the dead (came alive again) after 3 days and is now ruling in heaven! (See the Bible, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

If you truly believe this, and in prayer turn from all your sins, God will *instantly* forgive all your sins and give you His free gift of eternal life in heaven! Pray something like this: *"Dear God, I now turn from all my sinful desires and make Jesus Christ my Lord forever. Please forgive my sins because of what Jesus did for me on the cross. Thank you for giving me Your free gift of eternal life in heaven right now. I pray in Jesus' name."* Now talk to God and read the Bible every day—and obey it.

When Jesus Christ Returns...
Will You Be Ready?

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