

To me there is nothing in it beyond the lustre which may be reflected from its connection with a power of promoting human felicity."

Washington lived, labored, suffered and rejoiced not for himself, but for the cause of humanity; and when at the expiration of his second term he committed the welfare of his country to the benign Father, his work was done, and the future prosperity of his country was an assured fact.

Happy it is for the United States, happy it is for the American continent, happy it is for humanity that the world produced a Washington.

On the 22nd of February 1732 a star appeared in the constellation which was destined to shed its lustre over the entire universe. That star has guided the people of the United States in the past. It is the guide of the American people at present and will be the guide of the human race until eternity.

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## THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.

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A Sunday Night Lecture Delivered by  
Dr. T. C. Bittle.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

This is a sort of preface to the history of all things. In the beginning of your Bibles, opposite these words stands the date, 4004 before Christ. It is the comment of the translators and others, but it is entirely out of place. The "beginning" here spoken of lies back of the history recorded in succeeding verses, by a gap of—we know not how many millions of years. The interval or gap may be represented by the time that would be required for a universe of the most highly attenuated gaseous matter—such, say, as could be found in your most perfectly formed vacuum receiver, to assume motion in space; begin to gravitate about a nucleus, or a number of