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GOD SPOKE
Gen. 1:1 & Heb. 1:1

The Bible begins with the words "On the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Newspaper men always look for what they call "a good lead"-- a sentence that begins a story in such a way as to give a full idea of its principal contents and to lead the reader to desire to learn more. Some has said that Gen. 1:1 is the greatest lead in history: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Yet today we find that many of those who exert great influences in our culture wish to forget God. Not only are they ready to forget God, they seem to desire to ~~get rid of~~ ^{remove} all thought or mention of Him. Our nation was founded on belief in God and references to Him are woven into the constitutions of all of our states and particularly into the founding documents of our nation. Yet the Supreme Court has forbidden prayer in the schools and has ordered one of the states to remove the ten commandments from ^{all} classroom walls. Many of the leading/universities deny the existence of God. Ours is an age that exalts humanity and forgets the One who made us.

This common attitude toward the world, summarized by the theory of evolution, holds that the universe has always existed in one form or another and that the present form came about purely by natural or accidental developments. Thinking about this attitude, I once imagined that I had had an interesting dream. In my dream I was walking in the woods with an ~~atheist~~ ^{silvan}. As we walked along a ~~silver~~ trail he declared to me his firm belief that the world came into existence purely through accident, that there is no purpose in it and no mind back of it. He pointed out to me various features of the trees and declared that these had developed through natural processes without purpose or plan, As we walked we came to a ^{small} clearing in the woods, and saw in the middle of it a