

if I take almost any kind of roses or other plant and start in by selective breeding, cross breeding of careful selection, he said I can improve the plant tremendously in a short time. There's development, you see. He improves it tremendously in a short time. But, he said, I found two things. One is there is a limit beyond which I cannot go. I improve it very quickly and beyond that I am unable to go. And it was his business. He had a chance of making great profits if he could improve it further and further. But there was always a limit where he was stopped, and He said, I found this, Once I stopped a careful selection and cross-breeding and leave it to go on by itself that before long it reverts to its previous condition. He found no proof of a natural process of changing from one kind to another but quite the opposite.

I believe it's important we go to Scripture and see what it says and see carefully what it says and don't read into it, and what you find it says you can stand upon it. God did not give us the Bible to teach us science. He gave us the Bible to tell us how to know himself, to tell us how to live, to tell us how to be changed from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of life and from the power of Satan to the power of God. That's what he gave it for, but he touches upon science in many places. Wherever he touches upon science he touches upon it accurately and you can stand upon it.

I'll take a few minutes to look at another aspect of science to show you an interesting illustration of this I came across. I was thrilled when I read it. Here's a passage you're all familiar with, Gen. 13. God said to Abraham, 13:16, I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth so that if a man can number the dust of the earth then shall thy seed be numbered. Think how Abraham must have felt when he heard that. Here I am, I have no child of my own as yet, yet God says my descendants are going to be like the dust of the earth if you can number them. Think of the thousands and thousands of sections of the dust of the earth! Then I think Abraham had something of a start a little later. Turn over to ch. 15 we read where Abraham still did not have a son, and God brought him forth abroad and said, Look now toward heaven and if thou be able to number them so shall they see be . . . The next v. is a wonderful verse: He believed in the Lord and He counted it to him for righteousness. I think that has more meaning than we ordinarily think of. He believed in the Lord. What did he believe? That his seed would be like the dust of the earth? So many? Yes. But he believed more than that. He believed the stars were a good figure for his seed. We don't know much about the stars today. Why not? Because we have artificial lights. So we don't see the stars. Most of you could not name 10 of them. We have artificial lights all around and we don't see them. But 150 yrs ago before we had artificial lights every body saw the stars. Everybody knew the constellations, and when a little new comet would appear half the world would be filled with fear thinking it might be the end of the world! Today you can have a big comet appear and we don't even know it appeared unless we read it in the paper, because the artificial lights keep us from seeing it. But in Abraham's day no artificial lights. I'm sure as he sat out there in the evening and looked up he saw Cassiopeia's chair and he saw the big bear, he saw the little bear and he saw these other constellations. He saw them as his friends as I'm sure most people did in those days, particularly folks that sat out in the evening a lot. Are you able to count the stars?