## Creative Power—"The Maker of Heaven and Earth"

# 1, 2. How does the sun demonstrate Jehovah's creative power?

(Ecclesiastes 11:7) Light is sweet, and it is good for the eyes to see the sun.

## 3. The sun testifies to what important truth?

(Psalm 74:16) The day belongs to you, also the night. You made the light and the sun.

(Psalm 19:1) The heavens are declaring the glory of God; The skies above proclaim the work of his hands

(Psalm 146:6) The Maker of heaven and earth, Of the sea, and of all that is in them, The One who always remains faithful

# 4, 5. How powerful and how large is the sun, yet how does it compare with other stars?

(1 Corinthians 15:41) The glory of the sun is one sort, and the glory of the moon is another, and the glory of the stars is another; in fact, one star differs from another star in glory.

6. How does the Bible show that the number of the stars is vast from a human standpoint?

(Jeremiah 33:22) Just as the army of the heavens cannot be counted and the sand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the offspring\* of my servant David and the Levites who are ministering to me."

7. (a) About how many stars does our Milky Way galaxy contain, and how large a number is that? (b) Why is it significant that astronomers find it difficult to number the galaxies, and what does this teach us about Jehovah's creative power?

(Isaiah 40:26) "Lift up your eyes to heaven and see. Who has created these things? It is the One who brings out their army by number; He calls them all by name. Because of his vast dynamic energy and his aweinspiring power, Not one of them is missing.

8. (a) How would you explain the size of the Milky Way galaxy? (b) By what means does Jehovah order the movements of celestial bodies?

(Psalm 104:2) You are wrapped in light as with a garment; You stretch out the heavens like a tent cloth.

(Job 38:31-33) Can you tie the ropes of the Ki'mah constellation Or untie the cords of the Ke'sil constellation? <sup>32</sup>Can you lead out a constellation in its season Or guide the Ash constellation\* along with its sons? <sup>33</sup>Do you know the laws governing the heavens, Or can you impose their\* authority on the earth?

- 9, 10. How is Jehovah's power evident in connection with the positioning of our solar system, Jupiter, the earth, and the moon?
- 11. How is earth's atmosphere designed to serve as a protective shield?
- 12. How does the atmospheric water cycle illustrate Jehovah's creative power?

(Ecclesiastes 1:7) All the streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place from which the streams flow, there they return so as to flow again.

13. What evidence of the Creator's power do we see in the earth's vegetation and its soil?

(Genesis 4:12) When you cultivate the ground, it will not give you back its produce. You will become a wanderer and a fugitive in the earth."

## 14. What latent power exists even in the tiny atom?

(Jeremiah 10:12) He is the Maker of the earth by his power, The One who established the productive land by his wisdom And who stretched out the heavens by his understanding.

## 15. By discussing various wild animals, what lesson did Jehovah teach Job?

(Psalm 148) Praise Jah! Praise Jehovah from the heavens; Praise him in the heights. <sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels. Praise him, all his army. <sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon. Praise him, all shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, O highest heavens And waters above the heavens. <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of Jehovah, For he commanded, and they were created. <sup>6</sup>He keeps them established forever and ever; He has issued a decree that will not pass away. <sup>7</sup>Praise Jehovah from the earth, You great sea creatures and all deep waters, <sup>8</sup>You lightning and hail, snow and thick clouds, You storm wind, carrying out his word, <sup>9</sup>You mountains and all you hills, You fruit trees and all you cedars, <sup>10</sup>You wild animals and all you domestic animals, You creeping things and winged birds, <sup>11</sup>You kings of the earth and all you nations, You princes and all you judges of the earth, <sup>12</sup>You young men and young women, Old men

and young together.<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of Jehovah, For his name alone is unreachably high. His majesty is above earth and heaven.<sup>14</sup>He will exalt the strength of his people, For the praise of all his loyal ones, Of the sons of Israel, the people close to him. Praise Jah!

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- **38** Then Jehovah answered Job out of the windstorm: 14 It is transformed like clay CHAP. 38 under a seal. a Fx 19·16 19 1Ki 19·11 And its features stand out 2 "Who is this who is like those of a garment. obscuring my counsel h Inh 42:3 15 But the light of the wicked And speaking without is held back from them. knowledge?b c Ge 1:1 And their uplifted arm is 3 Brace yourself, please, like Ne 9:6 Ps 136:6 broken. a man; Pr 8:29 16 Have you gone down to I will question you, and you Heb 1:10 the sources of the sea inform me. Or explored the deep d Ps 104:5 4 Where were you when waters?a I founded the earth?c 17 Have the gates of death<sup>b</sup> e Re 22:16 Tell me, if you think you been revealed to you. understand. f Ge 6:2 Or have you seen the gates 5 Who set its measurements. 1Ki 22:19 of deep darkness?\*c in case you know. Job 1:6 18 Have you understood the Job 2:1 Or who stretched a measur-Ps 89:6 vast expanse of the earth?d ing line across it? Tell me, if you know all of 6 Into what were its pedestals g Ps 33:7 this. Pr 8-29 sunk. 19 In which direction does Or who laid its cornerstone,d the light reside? h Ge 1:9 7 When the morning starse Jer 5:22 And where is the place joyfully cried out together. of darkness. And all the sons of God\*f bei Pr 8:29 20 That you should take it to its gan shouting in applause? territory 8 And who barricaded the sea j Ge 1:5 And understand the paths Ps 74·16 behind doorsg to its home? When it burst out from the k Job 24:15 21 Do you know this because 1Th 5.7 you were already born 9 When I clothed it with clouds And the number of your And wrapped\* it in thick Second Col years\* is great? gloom. a Ge 1:2 22 Have you entered the 10 When I established my limit Ps 77:19 storehouses of the snow.f for it Or have you seen the b Ps 9:13 And put its bars and doors storehouses of the hail.9 Mt 16:18 in place.h 23 Which I have reserved for 11 And I said. 'You may come c Job 10:21, 22 the time of distress. this far, and no farther: For the day of battle and d Ps 74:17 Here is where your proud war?h Ps 89:11 waves will stop'? 24 From what direction is light\* 12 Have you ever\* commanded
- Or made the dawn know its f Job 37:6 east wind blow on the place, earth? g Jos 10:11 13 To take hold of the ends 25 Who has cut a channel for Isa 30:30 of the earth the flood And to shake the wicked out And made a path for the h Ex 9:24 of it?k thunderous storm cloud. Eze 13:13

e Isa 45:7

the morning

dispersed.

And from where does the

38:7 \* A Hebrew idiom that refers to an-38:17 \*Or "death's shadow." 38:21 i Ps 135:7 gelic sons of God. 38:9 \*Or "swad-\*Lit., "days." 38:24 \*Or possibly, dled." 38:12 \*Lit., "in your days." "lightning." i Job 28:26

JOB 38:26-39:7 26 To make it rain where 37 Who is wise enough to count CHAP. 38 no man lives. the clouds. a Ps 104:13 On the wilderness where Ps 107:35 Or who can tip over the there are no humans.a water iars of heavena 27 To satisfy devastated 38 When the dust pours into h Ps 147-7 8 wastelands a mass And cause the grass to And the clods of earth stick sprout?b c 1Sa 12·18 together? Isa 30:23 28 Does the rain have a father. **39** Can you hunt prey for a lion Jer 5:24 Or who fathered the Or satisfy the appetites dewdrops?d of young lionsb 29 From whose womb did the d Ge 27:28 40 When they crouch in their ice emerge. lairs And who gave birth to the Or lie in ambush in their e Ps 147:16 frost of heavene dens? 30 When the waters are covered **41** Who prepares food for the as if with stone. raveno f Job 37:10 And the surface of the deep When its young cry to God waters is frozen solid?f for help 31 Can you tie the ropes of the g Am 5:8 And wander about because Ki'mah constellation\* there is nothing to eat? Or until the cords of the "Do you know the h Pr 3:19 Ke'sil constellation?#9 Jer 31:35 time when the mountain 32 Can you lead out a constella-Jer 33:25 goats give birth?d tion\* in its season Have you watched the deer Or guide the Ash constellagive birth to their young?e i Zec 10:1 tion# along with its sons? 2 Do you count the months 33 Do you know the laws that they must complete? governing the heavens,h i Jer 10:12 Do you know the time when Or can you impose their\* they give birth? authority on the earth? 3 They crouch down when they 34 Can you raise your voice k Ps 136:5 give birth to their young, Pr 3:20 to the clouds And their labor pains end. To cause a flood of water Second Col 4 Their young become strong to cover you? a Jer 10:13 and grow up in the open 35 Can you send out lightning field; holts? Will they come and say They go out and do not h Ps 104-21 return to them. to you, 'Here we are!' Ps 145:15, 16 36 Who put wisdom within the Na 2:12 5 Who set the wild donkey\* clouds\*/ free.1

38:31 \*Possibly the Pleiades stars in the Taurus constellation. "Possibly the Orion constellation. 38:32 \*Lit., "Mazzaroth." At 2Ki 23:5, the related term in plural form refers to the constellations of the zodiac. "Possibly the Great Bear constellation (Ursa Major). 38:33 \*Or possibly, "His." 38:36 \*Or possibly, "within man." "Or possibly, "to the mind."

Or gave understanding to the

sky phenomenon?#k

CHAP. 39 d Ps 104:18

c Ps 147:9

Mt 6:26

Lu 12:24

e Ps 29:9

f Job 24:5 Ps 104:10,11 | 39:5 \*Or "onager."

its home

dwelling.

of the driver.

And who untied the ropes

**6** I have made the desert plain

of the wild donkey?

7 It scorns the tumult of the

It does not hear the shouts

And the salt land its

**8** It roams the hills, seeking pasture,

Looking for every green plant.

- 9 Is the wild bull willing to serve you?<sup>a</sup> Will it spend the night in your stable?\*
- 10 Will you hold a wild bull to the furrow with a rope, Or will it follow you to plow\* the valley?
- 11 Will you trust in its great strength And let it do your heavy
- work?

  12 Will you rely on it to bring back your harvest,\*

And will it gather it to your threshing floor?

- 13 The wings of the ostrich flap joyfully,
  But can her pinions and
- plumage compare with the stork's?<sup>b</sup>

  14 For she leaves her eggs on
- the ground,
  And she keeps them warm
  in the dust.
- 15 She forgets that some foot may crush them Or that a wild animal may trample them.
- 16 She treats her sons harshly, as if they were not hers;<sup>c</sup> She has no fear that her labor may be in vain.
- 17 For God has deprived her of\* wisdom And given her no share in

understanding.

18 But when she rises up and

- flaps her wings,
  She laughs at the horse and
  at its rider.
- 19 Are you the one who gives the horse its strength?<sup>d</sup> Do you clothe its neck with a rustling mane?

**CHAP. 39** a De 33:17

b Ps 104:17

c La 4:3

d Ps 147:10

Isa 31:1
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a Jer 8:16

b Jg 5:22 Ps 32:9

c Pr 21:31 Jer 46:9 Jer 47:3 Hab 1:8

d Isa 5:28 Jer 8:6

e Jer 46:4

f Pr 23:5 Isa 40:31

g Jer 49:16 Ob 4

h Job 9:26 Jer 49:22

i Mt 24:28

CHAP. 40 j Job 33:12, 13 lsa 45:9

k Job 13:3

Job 13:3 Job 23:3-5 Job 31:35

- 20 Can you cause it to leap like a locust?
  Its majestic snorting is
- terrifying.<sup>a</sup>
  21 It paws the ground in the valley and exults mightily;<sup>b</sup>
  It charges into the battle.\*c
- 22 It laughs at fear and is afraid of nothing. d

  It does not turn back be-

cause of the sword.

23 The quiver rattles against it,

- The spear and the javelin flash.
- 24 Trembling with excitement, it surges forward,\*
  It cannot stand still at#
  the sound of the horn.
- 25 When the horn blows, it says, 'Aha!'
  It smells the battle from afar
  And hears the shouting of
  commanders and the battle
- cry.e

  26 Is it by your understanding that the falcon soars,
  Spreading its wings to the south?
- 27 Or is it at your order that an eagle flies upward<sup>f</sup> And builds its nest high up,<sup>g</sup>
- 28 Spending the night on a cliff, Dwelling in its stronghold on a rocky crag?\*
- 29 From there it searches for food;<sup>h</sup>Its eyes look far into the
- distance.

  30 Its young sip up blood;
- And wherever the slain are, there it is."
- **40** Jehovah continued to answer Job:
- 2 "Should a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?" Let the one who wants to reprove God answer."<sup>k</sup>

39:21 \*Lit., "It goes out to meet armor."
39:24 \*Lit., "swallows the ground (earth)." "Or possibly, "It does not believe."
39:28 \*Lit., "on the tooth of a craq."

**<sup>39:9</sup>** \*Or "manger." **39:10** \*Or "harrow." **39:12** \*Lit., "seed." **39:17** \*Lit., "made her forget."

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3 Job said in answer Jehovah:

- 4 "Look! I am unworthy.3 What can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth.b
- 5 I spoke once, but I will not answer again:

Twice, but I will say no more."

- 6 Then Jehovah answered Job out of the windstorm:
- 7 "Brace yourself, please, like a man;
  - I will question you, and you inform me.d
- 8 Will you call into question\* my justice?

Will you condemn me so that vou may be right?

- 9 Do you have an arm as powerful as the true God's.f Or can your voice thunder
- like his?g 10 Adorn yourself, please, with

glory and majesty: Clothe yourself with dignity and splendor.

- 11 Release the fury of your anger:
  - Look at everyone who is haughty, and bring him low.
- 12 Look at everyone who is haughty, and humble him. And tread down the wicked where they stand.
- 13 Hide them all in the dust: Bind them\* in the hidden place.
- 14 Then even I would acknowledge to you\* That your right hand can
- 15 Here, now, is Be-he'moth.\* which I made as I made vou.

save vou.

40:8 \*Or "invalidate." 40:13 \*Lit.. "their faces." 40:14 \*Or "commend vou." 40:15 \*Possibly the hippopotamus.

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16 Look at the strength in its hips And the power in the

muscles of its belly!

It eats grass like a bull.

- 17 It stiffens its tail like a cedar: The sinews of its thighs are woven together.
- 18 Its bones are tubes of copper:

Its limbs are like wroughtiron rods.

- 19 It ranks first\* among the works of God:
  - Only its Maker can approach it with his sword.
- 20 For the mountains produce food for it.

Where all the wild animals play.

- 21 It lies down under the lotus trees. In the shelter of the reeds
- of the marsh. 22 The lotus trees cast their
- shadow on it. And the poplars of the valley\* surround it.
- 23 If the river is turbulent, it does not panic.
  - It is confident, although the Jordan<sup>a</sup> rushes against its mouth.
- 24 Can anyone capture it while it is watching.
  - Or pierce its nose with a hook?\*
- 41 "Can you catch Le vi'athan\*b with a fishhook Or hold down its tongue

with a rope? 2 Can you put a rope\* through its nostrils

- Or pierce its jaws with a hook?#
- 3 Will it make many pleas

to vou.

40:19 \*Lit., "It is the beginning." 40:22 \*Or "wadi." 40:24 \*Lit., a Jos 3:15 "snare." 41:1 \*Possibly the crocodile. CHAP. 41 b Ps 104:25, 26 41:2 \*Lit., "a rush." #Lit., "thorn."

b Ps 39:9 Pr 30-32

c Inh 38·1

d Inh 38:3 Inh 42:4

e Ps 51-4 Ro 3:4

f Fx 15.6 Ps 89:13 Isa 40:26

1Co 10:22

g Job 37:4

Ps 29-3

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745 JOB 41:4-31

Or will it speak gently to vou?

4 Will it make a covenant with vou.

So that you may make it your slave for life?

5 Will you play with it as with a bird

Or tie it on a leash for your little girls?

6 Will traders barter for it? Will they divide it up among merchants?

7 Will you fill its hide with harpoons<sup>a</sup> Or its head with fishing spears?

8 Lav your hand on it: You will remember the battle and never do it again!

9 Any hope of subduing it is futile.

The mere sight of it would overwhelm vou.\*

10 No one dares to stir it up. So who is it who can stand up to me?b

11 Who has given me anything first that I should repay him?c

> Whatever is under the heavens is mine.d

12 I will not be silent about its limbs.

About its mightiness and its well-formed body.

13 Who has removed its outer covering?

Who will enter its open jaws?

**14** Who can pry open the doors of its mouth?\*

Its teeth all around are fearsome.

15 Its back has rows of scales\* Tightly sealed together.

16 Each one fits so closely to the other

41:9 \*Or "hurl you down." 41:14 \*Lit., "face." 41:15 \*Or possibly, "Its pride is its rows of scales."

CHAP. 41 a Inh 41:26

b 2Ch 20:6

Da 4:35

Ac 11:17

Ro 9:19

That no air can come between them.

17 They are stuck to one another:

They cling together and cannot be separated.

18 Its snorting flashes out light, And its eves are like the rays of dawn.

19 Flashes of lightning go out of its mouth: Fiery sparks escape.

20 Smoke pours out of its nostrils. Like a furnace fueled with rushes.

21 Its breath sets coals ablaze. And a flame shoots from its mouth.

22 There is great strength in its neck.

And dismay runs before it.

23 The folds of its flesh are tightly joined together: They are firm, as though cast upon it and immovable.

24 Its heart is hard as stone. Yes, hard as a lower millstone.

25 When it rises up, even the mighty are frightened: Its thrashing causes bewilderment.

26 No sword that reaches it will prevail: Nor will spear, dart,

or arrowhead. 27 It regards iron as straw.

Copper as rotten wood. 28 An arrow does not make

it flee: Slingstones turn into stubble against it.

29 It regards a club as stubble, And it laughs at the rattling of a javelin.

30 Underneath, it is like sharp fragments of pottery: It spreads itself in the mud like a threshing sledge.b

31 It makes the deep boil just like a pot:

c Ro 11:35

d De 10:14 Ps 24:1 Ps 50:12 1Co 10:26

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b Isa 41:15

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It stirs up the sea like an ointment pot.

**32** It leaves a glistening wake in its path.

One would think that the deep had white hair.

33 There is nothing like it on the earth,

A creature made to have no fear.

**34** It glares at everything that is haughty.

It is king over all the majestic wild beasts."

## 16. What impresses you about some of the birds that Jehovah has created?

(Psalm 148:10) You wild animals and all you domestic animals, You creeping things and winged birds,

(Job 39:13, 18) <sup>13</sup>The wings of the ostrich flap joyfully, But can her pinions and plumage compare with the stork's? <sup>18</sup>But when she rises up and flaps her wings, She laughs at the horse and at its rider.

17. How large is the blue whale, and what conclusion should we naturally reach after contemplating Jehovah's animal creations?

(Psalm 148:7) Praise Jehovah from the earth, You great sea creatures and all deep waters,

(Psalm 150:6) Every breathing thing—let it praise Jah. Praise Jah!

18, 19. How diverse are the living things that Jehovah has made on this earth, and what does creation teach us about his sovereignty?

(Psalm 104:24) How many your works are, O Jehovah! You have made all of them in wisdom. The earth is full of what you have made.

(**Proverbs 8:30**) Then I was beside him as a master worker. I was the one he was especially fond of day by day; I rejoiced before him all the time;

(Matthew 19:4) In reply he said: "Have you not read that the one who created them from the beginning made them male and female

(Colossians 1:15) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

(Romans 1:20) For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and Godship, so that they are inexcusable.

(Revelation 4:11) "You are worthy, Jehovah our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because you created all things, and because of your will they came into existence and were created."

# 20. In what sense has Jehovah rested since completing his earthly creation?

(Genesis 2:2) And by the seventh day, God had completed the work that he had been doing, and he began to rest on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing

(Hebrews 4:3-6) For we who have exercised faith do enter into the rest, just as he has said: "So I swore in my anger, 'They will not enter into my rest,'" although his works were finished from the founding of the world. <sup>4</sup>For in one place he has said of the seventh day as follows: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works," <sup>5</sup>and here again he says: "They will not enter into my rest." <sup>6</sup>Therefore, since it remains for some to enter into it, and those to whom the good news was first declared did not enter in because of disobedience,

(Psalm 92:4) For you have made me rejoice, O Jehovah, because of your deeds; Because of the works of your hands I shout joyfully.

(John 5:17) But he answered them: "My Father has kept working until now, and I keep working."

(2 Corinthians 5:17) Therefore, if anyone is in union with Christ, he is a new creation; the old things passed away; look! new things have come into existence.

21. How will Jehovah's creative power affect faithful humans throughout eternity?

(Genesis 1:31) After that God saw everything he had made, and look! it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

(Ecclesiastes 3:11) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has even put eternity in their heart; yet mankind will never find out the work that the true God has made from start to finish.

#### **Questions for Meditation**

Psalm 8:3-9 When I see your heavens, the works of your fingers, The moon and the stars that you have prepared, <sup>4</sup>What is mortal man that you keep him in mind, And a son of man that you take care of him? <sup>5</sup>You made him a little lower than godlike ones, And you crowned him with glory and splendor. <sup>6</sup>You gave him dominion over the works of your hands; You have put everything under his feet: <sup>7</sup>All the flocks and cattle, As well as the wild animals, <sup>8</sup>The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup>O Jehovah our Lord, how majestic your name is throughout the earth! How can Jehovah's creation teach us humility?

19 The heavens are declaring the glory of God; The skies above proclaim the work of his hands. <sup>2</sup>Day after day their speech bubbles forth, And night after night they reveal knowledge. <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, and there are no words; Their voice is not heard. <sup>4</sup>But into all the earth their sound has gone out, And to the ends of the inhabited earth their message. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun; <sup>5</sup>It is like a bridegroom emerging from the bridal chamber; It rejoices like a mighty man running his course. <sup>6</sup>It emerges from one end of the heavens, And it circles to their other end; And nothing is concealed from its heat.

Jehovah's creative power may incite us to do what, and why?

Matthew 6:25-34 "On this account I say to you: Stop being anxious about your lives as to what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your bodies as to what you will wear. Does not life mean more than food and the body than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Observe intently the birds of heaven; they do not sow seed or reap or gather into storehouses, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they are? <sup>27</sup> Who of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his life span? <sup>28</sup> Also, why are you anxious about clothing? Take a lesson from the lilies of the field, how they grow; they

do not toil, nor do they spin; <sup>29</sup>but I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. <sup>30</sup>Now if this is how God clothes the vegetation of the field that is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much rather clothe you, you with little faith? <sup>31</sup> So never be anxious and say, 'What are we to eat?' or, 'What are we to drink?' or, 'What are we to wear?' <sup>32</sup>For all these are the things the nations are eagerly pursuing. Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>"Keep on, then, seeking first the Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup>So never be anxious about the next day, for the next day will have its own anxieties. Each day has enough of its own troubles.

How can contemplating Jehovah's creative power help us to fight anxiety and set proper priorities in life?

Acts 17:22-31 Paul now stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said:

"Men of Athens, I see that in all things you seem to be more given to the fear of the deities than others are.

<sup>23</sup> For instance, while passing along and carefully observing your objects of veneration, I found even an altar on which had been inscribed 'To an Unknown God.' Therefore, what you are unknowingly

worshipping, this I am declaring to you. 24The God who made the world and all the things in it, being, as he is, Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in handmade temples; <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands as if he needed anything, because he himself gives to all people life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>And he made out of one man every nation of men to dwell on the entire surface of the earth, and he decreed the appointed times and the set limits of where men would dwell, <sup>27</sup>so that they would seek God, if they might grope for him and really find him, although, in fact, he is not far off from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For by him we have life and move and exist, even as some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also his children.' <sup>29</sup>"Therefore, since we are the children of God, we should not think that the Divine Being is like gold or silver or stone, like something sculptured by the art and design of humans. <sup>30</sup>True, God has overlooked the times of such ignorance; but now he is declaring to all people everywhere that they should repent. <sup>31</sup>Because he has set a day on which he purposes to judge the inhabited earth in righteousness by a man whom he

How does Jehovah's use of creative power teach us that idolatry is wrong and that God is not far off from us?

men by resurrecting him from the dead."

has appointed, and he has provided a guarantee to all