

each day is reckoned from the beginning of one evening to the beginning of another evening). This first evening may be considered as the termination of the indefinite time which followed the primeval creation announced in the first

is indeed so far stronger than *asah*, "made," in that *bara* can only be used with reference to God, whereas *asah* may be applied to man. The difference is exactly that which exists in English between the words by which they are rendered, "created" and "made." But this seems to me to belong rather to our mode of conception than to the subject itself; for making, when spoken of with reference to God, is equivalent to creating.

The words accordingly, *bara*, *created*—*asah*, *made*—*yatsar*, *formed*, are used repeatedly by Isaiah, and are also employed by Amos, as equivalent to each other. *Bara* and *asah* express alike a formation of something new (*de novo*), something whose existence in this new state originated in, and depends entirely upon the will of its creator or maker. Thus God speaks of Himself as the Creator "*boree*" of the Jewish people, *e. g.* Isaiah xliii. 1, 15; and a new event is spoken of under the same term as "a creation," Numb. xvi. 30, English version, "If the Lord make a new thing:" in the margin, Heb. "create a creature." Again, the Psalmist uses the same word, Ps. civ. 30, when describing the renovation of the face of the earth through the successive generations of living creatures, "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are *created*; and thou renewest the face of the earth." The question is popularly treated by Beausobre, *Hist. de Manicheisme*, tom. ii. lib. 5, c. 4; or, in a better spirit, by Petavius *Dogm. Theol.* tom. iii. de opificio sex dierum, lib. 1, c. 1, § 8.

After having continually re-read and studied this account, I can come to no other result than that the words "created" and "made" are synonymous, (although the former is to us the stronger of the two), and that, because they are so constantly interchanged; as, Gen. i. ver. 21, "God *created* great whales:" ver. 25, "God *made* the beast of the earth;" ver. 26, "Let us *make* man;" ver. 27, "So God *created* man." At the same time it is