



WHO gave the EARTH its NAME?

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Astronomers will tell you that planet names such as Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, are derived from Roman and Greek mythology, and they are right. But not so with the third planet from the sun, Earth.

One astronomer with a PhD says, "Unfortunately, I think it's pretty impossible to say exactly who first named the planet 'Earth.' Actually, I really doubt one person really named it intentionally; rather it developed over time as part of the English language."



Yet, from the Word of God, we know that **"IN THE BEGINNING God created the heaven and the earth"** (GENESIS 1:1); **"...IN THE BEGINNING [God]...laid the FOUNDATION of the earth; and the heavens are the works of [His] hands"** (HEBREWS 1:10), but that is not when the **EARTH** received its **NAME**.

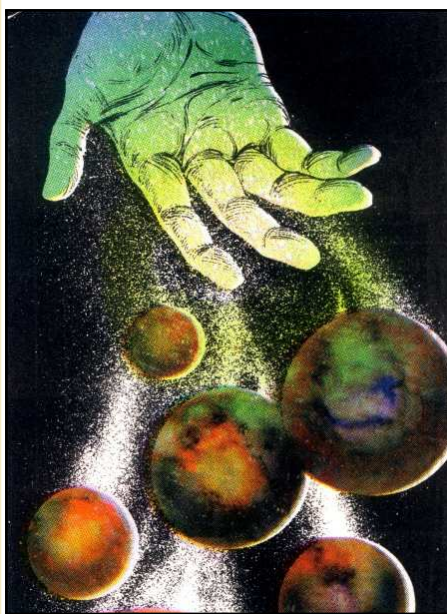
God also said in His Word, **"...Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the DRY LAND appear: and it was so. And GOD CALLED the dry land EARTH"** (GENESIS 1:9-10).

But men **DESPISE** and **REJECT** the Word of God, and God tells us **WHY**: **"...men LOVED darkness RATHER THAN light, because their DEEDS were evil"** (JOHN 3:19).

The Word of God was **NOT WRITTEN** through the **"...private interpretation...by the will of man: but HOLY men of God SPAKE AS THEY WERE MOVED [OR LED] by the Holy Ghost"** (2 PETER 1:20-21).

God **SPOKE** **"...unto Noah, and to his sons with him"** (GENESIS 8:15 & 9:8). God **SPOKE** **"...unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I"** (GENESIS 46:2). God even **SPOKE** **"...unto Moses, and said unto him, I AM THE LORD"** (EXODUS 6:2).

BUT TODAY, in these **LAST DAYS**, God has **SPOKEN** **"...unto us BY HIS SON, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, BY WHOM also he MADE THE WORLDS"** (HEBREWS 1:1-2).



God not only named the **EARTH**, but He also said, **"...Let there be LIGHT: and there was light...and God divided the light from the DARKNESS. And God called the light DAY, and the darkness he called NIGHT"** (GENESIS 1:3-5).

It was God, not **MAN** that said, **"Come now, and let us REASON TOGETHER"** (ISAIAH 1:18). So, in the name of common sense and reason, what **"man or woman"** do **YOU** know that can take credit for calling light **"light,"** or calling day **"day"** or night **"night?"**

God also created a **FIRMAMENT** in the **MIDST** of the waters to divide the waters from the waters. **"...God called the firma-**

ment HEAVEN" (GENESIS 1:8), and **"...the gathering together of the waters called he SEAS"** (GENESIS 1:10). Man had nothing to do with this.



God also **"...made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God SET THEM in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth"** (GENESIS 1:16-17),

ACCORDING TO the Word of God, we **KNOW** that **BY** Jesus Christ were **"ALL THINGS created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: ALL THINGS were created BY HIM, and FOR HIM: And HE is before all things, and BY HIM all things CONSIST"** (COL. 1:13-17).



Of all the **PLANETS** which men have given names to, only **ONE** planet **MAN** has **NOT** named, the one God has called **EARTH**.

Believe the Word of God. Jesus said, **"He that rejecteth ME, and receiveth not MY WORDS, hath one that judgeth him: the WORD that I have SPOKEN, the same shall judge him in the last day"** (JOHN 12:48).