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## COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

*art.*, article  
*cf.*, compare  
*ch.*, chapter  
*chs.*, chapters  
*edit.*, edition  
*e.g.*, for example  
*esp.*, especially  
*et al.*, and others  
*ff.*, following  
*fn.*, footnote  
*Gr.*, Greek  
*Heb.*, Hebrew  
*ibid.*, the same  
*i.e.*, that is  
*in loco*, in the proper place  
*l.*, line  
*ll.*, lines  
*Lt.*, latin  
*infra*, below  
*Intro.*, introduction  
*op. cit.*, in the work cited  
*p.*, page  
*pp.*, pages  
*par.*, paragraph  
*per se*, by or of itself  
*sect.*, section  
*supra*, above  
*s.v.*, under the word  
*trans.*, translated  
*v.*, verse  
*vv.*, verses  
*viz.*, namely  
*vol.*, volume

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*“Genesis is the Only Book of Antiquity Which is Ever Considered When Discussing the Scientific Accuracy of Ancient Literature on the Creation of the World. When Darwin’s Origin of Species appeared in 1859, Huxley immediately called it ‘Anti-Genesis.’ Why did he think that it was the book of Genesis which Darwin’s theory of natural selection confuted? Why did he not say anti-Hesiod, or anti-Timaeus, or anti-Metamorphosis in reference to Ovid’s account of the creation? In the very fact that Huxley spoke of Darwin’s work as anti-Genesis he confessed that the book of all ancient literature that contained an account of the creation of the world worthy of being discussed in our modern scientific age as of any scientific value at all was the book of Genesis. A vast number of books, and hundreds of articles, during the past one hundred years have been written, maintaining or denying the scientific accuracy of the first chapter of the book of Genesis, but where are you going to find any books and articles even discussing the scientific accuracy of other ancient accounts of the creation of the world? Whenever you hear anyone speaking disrespectfully of the book of Genesis, in its relation to modern science, remember that this first book of our Bible is the only piece of literature of all the ancient nations which anyone even thinks worthy of discussing, even if condemning in the same breath, with the phrase ‘modern science.’ It is of great significance that for two thousand years men have felt it necessary to consider this ancient Hebrew record when discussing the subject of creation. The Babylonian, the Greek, and the Roman accounts of the same beginning of our universe are, for the most part, counted mythological, and utterly incapable of being reconciled with the conclusions of modern science.”*

—Wilbur M. Smith, *Therefore Stand*, pp. 328,329.  
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## THE BIBLE

We search the world for truth. We call  
The good, the true, the beautiful,  
From graven stone and written scroll,  
From all old flower-fields of the soul;  
And, weary seekers of the best,  
We come back laden from our quest,  
To find that all the sages said  
Is in the Book our mothers read.

—John Greenleaf Whittier

## GOD'S WORD

I paused last eve beside the blacksmith's door,  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
And looking in I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.  
"How many anvils have you had?" said I,  
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," he answered. Then with twinkling eye:  
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."  
And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word  
For ages sceptics' blows have beat upon,  
But though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The anvil is unchanged, the hammers gone.

—John Clifford

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