



FIGURE 3.7.

The Heart of the Coma Cluster. This picture of a group of galaxies is shown in reverse with the sky light and the galaxies in black. Astronomers study the far reaches of space in this way because the galaxies show up much better for study in black.

It appears that writers or editors of public school textbooks consciously attempt to avoid a statement that might tie too closely to the Bible. However, science writers who write for the general public are not bound by either textbook editors or Supreme Court rulings. Thus, in books written to explain science to the general public there are such statements as:

At Point Zero, somewhere in space, all those billions of years ago, the Big Bang went off. At one second after blast-off the temperature was 5,000,000,000°K. At this time the Universe was flooded with a light that was denser than matter.⁴

Is it not reasonable to include in the textbooks our students read a scientifically accurate statement such as that quoted above? Science now fully agrees with the Bible that the Universe began with light. It is time our textbooks reflected the harmony of science with the first creation command in Genesis: "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light" (Gen. 1:3).