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Theme: Creation

God Created

Genesis 1:1-27, Condensed

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth... 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light... 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters...8 And God called the firmament Heaven... 9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so... 11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so... 16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also... 21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good... 24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so... 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

Psalm 90 Touts Our Beginning

Bill Brinkworth

Many people, especially those in the field of education, have created their own “science” about the Earth’s origin. However, God allowed the Psalm 90 prayer of Moses to reveal how all on Earth was created. Knowing the truth, our future and lives can be different and more fulfilled.

Moses revealed:

- We have a place to live on this planet because of God (Psalm 90:1). It was not the result of some “big bang” somewhere and sometime in outer space. We have a dwelling place because of God.
- God was here before the Earth was formed (Psalm 90:2).
- Man was created from the dust of the Earth, and his body will return to it the same way (Psalm 90:3). Also: Eccl. 12:7.
- Time means so much to man, as it is limited and precious, but it does not to God, who has eternity (Psalm 90:4-6).
- God sees all we do, and when we violate what He desires, His anger can be poured out upon us (Psalm 90:7-11).

- We do not have to live under God’s wrath. If we live the way He demands, we can have a different life (Psalm 90:12-17). We do not have to mourn and wrestle against life. We can have a peaceful, meaningful life while following His will and way.
“O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.”

Psalm 90:14

The unbelieving and ungodly do not teach what God wants us to know. Their ever-changing theories and explanations may make sense to those who take God out of the equation, but they are not factual. Who do you believe? Man or God?

“The probability of life originating by accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary originating from an explosion in a print shop.” — *Edwin Conklin*

When You See God’s Handiwork

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I have a sheet of paper on which there is a faint, pale, and not particularly skilful representation of a Hyacinth. It is not half as beautiful as many other pictures I have, but I regard it as the most cherished. My mother painted it, and I never see it without thinking that her hand rested on it, and that her thought was concerned in its creation.

Now, suppose you had such a thought of God that you never saw a flower, tree, cloud, or any natural object, that you did not instantly think, “My Father made it.” How more beautiful would the Earth seem to you, You would find that nature was a revelation of God, speaking as plainly as His written Word!

Who Was There in The Beginning

Bill Brinkworth

John 1 is an important chapter that establishes that God and Jesus are one. Although many squirm and scratch their heads at that truth, the Bible asserts the two are the same.

The chapter starts by reminding the reader of the teaching in Genesis 1:1. That verse declares the truth that in the beginning, God created Heaven and the Earth.

John 1:1 further reveals that God’s Word that spoke all that we see and know into existence is God. (Notice that “Word” in John 1:1 is capitalized, indicating it is a proper noun referring to a person.) As hard as it is for our minds to grasp, God’s spoken Word is a person. *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1*

Further in this chapter, John 1:5-9, a man used by God, John the Baptist, is mentioned. One of that preacher’s missions was to reveal a “mysterious” person. Four times (John 1:7-9), this Person was described as a “Light.” Again, it refers to a person as it is in capital letters.

Well, who is the person who is recognized as the “Word” and “Light”? John 1:10-14 quickly answers the query. It is Jesus. He is the Word because He was there at the beginning of Creation. It is Jesus who:

- Was in the world John 1:10).
- Made the world (John 1:10).
- Many did not recognize him as God in the flesh (John 1:10-11).
- Gives those who “received” Him as Saviour the opportunity to be born into the family of God (“sons of God” — John 1:12-13).
- Who “was made flesh.” Jesus was God in the flesh (John 1:14).
- Lived among and was seen by man (John 1:14).

“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” John 1:10-14

Many struggle with what the Bible teaches about Jesus being the Son of God and God in the flesh. It is only Jesus who meets the qualifications mentioned above. However hard it is to grasp, even by Christians, it is what the Bible teaches. Jesus and God are one.

“Jesus is not humanity deified. He is not Godhead humanized. He is God. He is a man. He is all that God is, and all that man is as God created him.” — Spurgeon

God Made It All

Bill Brinkworth

Psalm 104 is a Hebrew hymn restating the Genesis account of Creation. It reminds the Psalm’s singer of what God created in this universe and on Earth in six days. Here, the God of creation is credited for His wonderful works in those days.

God’s creation of light (Genesis 1:2) is mentioned, as are all the other five days of what He did. The God-deniers and God-haters, of course, deny God’s account and resort to their theories of “accidental” developments of all the amazing wonders we have on this Earth and in the skies.

All the evolutionary “accidents” modern “science” claims to be the result of all on this Earth have never been proven, and those theories are constantly changing. Still, those ideas are widely accepted.

In recent decades, a new scare tactic has been forced down the throats of a gullible public. It attempts to convince people that this planet will soon be uninhabitable or destroyed. This chapter refutes two of those accusations that are causing unproven fears.

The first biblical principle taught here (Psalm 104:4) crushes current political propaganda that the Earth will not be around or inhabitable forever. Our planet will experience geological upheavals and changes during the final days of sinful man, but it will be made new (Revelation

21:1). However, the Earth is here to stay and is not going anywhere, thus saith the Lord!
“Who [God] laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.” Psalm
104:5

As for rising oceans that politicians have attempted to make citizens fearful of, God also says that there are boundaries that waters cannot cross. Although panic is growing that polar ice will melt and cities and other lands will be flooded, it contradicts what God promises in His Word. The waters will not invade any further than God has planned them to go.
“Thou hast set a bound that they [water] may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.” Psalm 104:9

Although government scare tactics repeatedly warn of Earth catastrophes man thinks he can control, the Creator of this planet decides what will become of what He has made. God says it will be here forever!

Who do you believe, man, who has a political or financial agenda, or God who loves His creation and all He has made?
“The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.” Psalm
104:31

Who Tricked Adam and Eve to Sin?

Bill Brinkworth

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”
Genesis 3:1

The serpent in the Garden of Eden was Satan:

- *The serpent was identified as Satan.*
“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelations 12:9
“And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,” Revelation 20:2
- Satan can transform himself into other things.
“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”
II Corinthians 11:14
“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ...” II Corinthians 11:3
(Satan can appear differently)
- The serpent exhibited characteristics that the Bible later identifies with Satan, like deceiving, lying, and encouraging sin and rebellion against God.