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What About Creation?

Gen. 1:1

Do you believe everything is the result evolution or that God created everything?

We want to answer the question, “What about creation” by looking at the first verse of the Genesis, the declarative statement of the entire creation of the cosmos, described by three factors. Gen. 1:1

- I.** The time of creation.
- II.** The God of creation.
- III.** The totality of creation.

I. The time of creation.

- A.** The inception of creation is stated, ”In the beginning”.
 - 1.** The word beginning “beresit” can mean several things.
 - a.** First, beginning.
 - b.** Second chief, best or choice part.
 - 2.** The context of our text has the framework of creation in mind.
 - a.** Therefore it is marking out the starting point of creation.
 - b.** This introduces time as man knows it, chronological, from present to future.

- c.** The implication being that time as we know it did not exist in this fashion, prior to creation.
- d.** Time itself being temporal was created and came to be at a set point by virtue of it’s introduction “In the beginning”.
- 3.** The gospel of John opens with the words, “In beginning was the Word”.
 - a.** The article is not present before the word “beginning”.
 - b.** Therefore the declaration indicates going back earlier than this first verse, to timeless eternity before time.

- B.** The declaration of time having a time of inception, follows that it has an ending time.
 - 1.** You can not have a starting time without an ending time, any more than you can have a starting point without an ending point.
 - 2.** The nature of time as man knows it is temporal, running down, forwards.
 - 3.** Time has three dimensions, past, present and future.
 - a.** The same word is used for the beginning of the year. Deut. 11:12
 - b.** The same text is marked by the antonym, “the end of the year”.
- C.** The declaration about the beginning of time can only lead us to one conclusion by way of deduction.

1. If time was introduced at a set time.
2. If time is temporal.
3. If time is winding down forwrds.
4. If time indicates all these things, it is headed towards an ending point.
5. Therefore what existed before time as we know it has to be eternity.
 - a. That which by nature is infinite.
 - b. That which has no end.
 - c. That which is not bound by the limitations of the temporal.
6. Therefore from the very beginning God revealed to man that after this period of finite time is over, eternity awaits man.
7. Which means that God knew all along that He would create the world, man and that all of it would be ruined by man and He would work out the plan of redemption through salvation history, so that man would be able to spend eternity with Him one day.

Illustration

Temporal time and eternity can be illustrated by going up in a hot air balloon to see the Rose Parade. The people on the ground would be limited to see the parade from their location along the parade route as the floats passed before them in the present. But if you are up in the balloon you would be able to see the all at one timed the beginning, the middle and the end.

Application

1. Do you believe the opening verse of Genesis?
 - a. If you do, then you won't have any problem with the rest of the Bible!
 - b. Then your world view will be Biblical and not a world view of humanism that denies God and the plane proclamation and revelation of His creation and redemption of man stepping out of eternity into the time domain of man.
 - * "In the **beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became 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." Jn. 1:1, 14
2. We are living in the temporal time of man, but one day all will enter the eternal domain to be with Jesus or separated from God for all eternity.
 - * "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not **condemned**; but he who does not believe is **condemned** already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Jn. 3:17-19

The time of creation was the beginning of time as we know it, temporal!

II. The God of creation.

- A. The identity of the One creating is God.
1. The word for God is “Elohim”.
 - a. The word is in the plural.
 - b. The word occurs thirty-five times in chapters 1:1-2:3.
 - c. The word is found over 2,570 times in the Old Testament and also used for heathen gods.
 2. The word that ends with a suffix of “im” in the Hebrew indicates a plural form.
 - a. We read of the angelic order of Cherub and Saraph.
 - b. The plural form is Cherubim and Saraphim. Gen. 3:24; Is. 6:6
 2. The God of creation “Elohim” is described as a Trinity.
 - a. The name “El” in it’s root means mighty one, strength, indicating one.
 - b. The name “Elah” in it’s root signifies to swear and is similar to the Aramaic word meaning two.
 - c. The name “Elohim” is a plural ending and attests to the compound unity of three, used as a proper name for the “Creator God”, Who is Eternal. Ps. 148:5; Prov.8:22-27
 3. The nature of God as a Trinity is taught consistently from Genesis to Revelation.

- a. The God of creation reveals Himself in the opening verse of Genesis as Triune, three in one.
- b. The conversation of the Trinity about the creation of man affirms His trinity by the use of the plural pronoun, “Then God said, “Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness.” Gen. 1:26a-c
 - 1) Image and likeness is Hebrew parallelism of complements to describe something completely.
 - 2) The phrase “without form and void” in verse two serves the same parallel in the Hebrew language.
- c. When Moses was addressing the children of Israel in the Shema of Israel, he uses the plural form also, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! Deut. 6:4
 - 1) The word for one is “echad”, a compound unity of one and is used for a man and woman becoming one flesh and for Pharaoh’s dreams being one.
 - 2) There is another word “yacheed”, that means an absolute one that Moses could of used, but did not.
 - 3) Not three Gods, but one God in three persons.

B. The manner by which God created is unique.

1. The word created is distinct from two other words that are used in the record of creation.
 - a. The word created is “bara” and means to create from nothing, Divine activity, “ex nihilo”, the Eternal created the beginning of temporal physical matter and energy.
 - b. The word is used exclusively of God.
 - c. The word is found in chapter one and two. Gen. 1:1, 21, 27; 2:3, 4
 * **We have eight divine acts in six days!**
 - 1) For the creation of the heavens and the earth. Gen. 1:1
 - 2) For the animals, “So God **created** great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.” Gen. 1:21
 - 3) For the creation of man, “So God **created** man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Gen. 1:27
 - 4) For God’s blessing of the seventh day and the sanctifying of it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had **created** and made.” Gen. 2:3
 - 5) For the history of the heavens and the earth when they were **created**, in the

- day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.” Gen. 2:4
2. The other two have to do with using existing material to construct.
 - a. One is the word “asah” and is translated “made”.
 - 1) Thus God **made** the firmament, and divided the waters, which were under the firmament from the waters, which were above the firmament; and it was so. Gen. 1:7
 - 2) Then 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. Gen. 1:16
 - 3) And God **made** the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Gen. 1:25
 - 4) Then God saw everything that He had **made**, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Gen. 1:31
 - 5) And on the seventh day God ended His work, which He had **done**, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work, which He had **done**. Gen. 2:2
 - 6) Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested

- from all His work which God had created and **made**. Gen. 2:3
- b. The other is “yatzar”, and is translated “formed”.
- 1) And the LORD God **formed** man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. Gen. 2:7
 - 2) The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had **formed**. Gen. 2:8
 - 3) Out of the ground the LORD God **formed** every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. Gen. 2:19

Illustration

One of the most inspiring and thrilling of recent disclosures of astronomers is that there is a great empty space in the north in the nebula of the constellation of Orion, a heavenly cavern so gigantic that the mind of man cannot comprehend it and so brilliantly beautiful that words cannot adequately describe it.

All astronomers agree there is a huge opening in Orion which is perhaps more than (16 trillion) 16,740,000,000,000 miles in diameter. The diameter

of the earth’s orbit is 186,000,000 miles, which in itself is incomprehensible to man, Yet the opening into this heavenly cavern of Orion is 90,000 times as wide. In other words, there could be 30,000 solar systems like ours with a sun in the middle of each, across the entrance of the opening in the north, and still have room to spare. #2212

Application

1. God reveals Himself as the Creator that man not fall prey to the lies and deceptions of man.
 - a. Polytheism, the belief in multiplicity of gods who have different powers and authorities.
 - b. Pantheism, the belief that everything is god, not separating God from nature, as Hinduism, New Age, etc.
 - * Pantheism comes from two Greek words “all is God” which is “monism” in contrary to the Christian view of “monotheism” one God in three persons.
 - c. Tritheism, the belief of three gods.
 - d. Duelism, the belief of two gods, good and evil, as taught by Persian Zoroastrianism or the Gnostics of the second century.
 - e. Atheism, the belief that there is no God.
 - f. Materialism, which is the belief that physical matter is the only reality and that well-being and worldly possessions constitute the greatest good and highest value in life.
 - g. Deism, professes the existence of a personal God, who created the world, but then withdrew

himself and left it to govern itself by natural law, also called theistic evolution.

- h. Fatalism, professes fate and chance is the result of the present creation.
 - i. Paul confronts all of these confused and corrupt teaching declaring fallen man **suppresses the truth of God in unrighteousness**, that they are without excuse from the evidence of creationm not giving God the glory they became futile in their thoughts and their foolish hearts wre darkened, therefore professing themselves to be wise they became fools.” Rom. 1:18-23; 2:15
3. The revelation of God’s detailed creation is given that man not fear or worship any aspect of creation.
- a. “And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the **stars**, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.” Deut. 4:19
 - b. Twice in the Ten Commandments man is told not to make any images or likeness in heaven above, earth beneath or in the waters, idolatry. Ex. 20:4; Deut. 5:8
 - c. Idolatry was denounced by all the prophets.
4. All three persons of the Godhead are co-equal, Eternal without beginning, infinite, Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient.
- a. The Father says through Isaiah, “I am the First and I am the Last.” Is. 44:6

- b. John tells us that the Son said, “I am the First and the Last.” Rev. 1:17
 - c. The Holy Spirit is called the “eternal Spirit”. Heb. 9:14
5. All three persons of the Trinity being co-equal were involved in creating all things.
- a. Paul says, “For us there is One God, “the Father”, of whom are all things. 1Cor. 8:6
 - b. John declares, “All things were made through Him, Christ, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” Jn. 1:3; Heb. 1:2
 - c. Moses tells us about the Holy Spirit, “The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” Gen. 1:2
 - d. You send forth Your Spirit, they are created “bara”; And You renew the face of the earth. Ps. 104:30
6. God as the Creator is separate from His creation.
- a. God is not a tree, a mountain, the sea or the universe.
 - b. God is not limited to, nor is He less than His creation, God is not dependentm but independent of His creation.
 - c. God is greater than His creation, controlling and holding together the creation. Col. 1:17

The God of creation spoke things into existence!

III. The totality of creation.

- A. The declaration is a matter of fact, God Elohim created the heavens.
1. The word heavens is in the plural because there are three heaven described in the Scriptures.
 - a. The first heaven where the birds fly, God said, “Let the birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens. Gen. 1:20c
 - b. The second heaven is the stellar heaven, where the sun, moon, stars and all the other planets exist. Gen. 1:14-18
 - c. The third heaven is where God dwells, Paul says he was caught up to the third heaven, Paradise, and heard inexpressible words, not lawful for a man to utter. 2Cor. 12:2, 4
 - d. God created a protective water blanket between the first and the second heaven on the **second day** to filter out ultra-violet rays and neutrinos that damage our cells and speed up the aging process and skin cancers. Gen. 1:7-8
 2. The heavens encompass all that is outside of the earth, the heavenly elements.
 - a. The sun and the moon.
 - 1) On the **first day** light was called forth by God, dividing the light from the darkness. Gen. 1:4-5
 - * They were already created “bara in verse one and then God called them to

- be functional for the benefit and existence of the earth.
- 2) On the **fourth day** God made “asah” the light in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night and they were to be for signs and seasons, for days and years. Gen. 1:14
 - 3) They were to be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth. Then God made “asah” two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. Gen. 1:15-16c
- b. The stars.
- 1) He made the stars also. Gen. 1:16d
 - 2) The summary statement follows, that God set all three of them in the firmament of the heavens for the benefit of the earth and finishes with the statement, “and God saw that it was good”. Gen. 17-18
 - 3) The phrase, “God saw that it was good” is repeated every time it has a direct benefit to man on the earth, on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th day. Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25,
 * *The first parallels the fourth day, the lights!*

- 4) Galaxies and everything else in the visible universe is included, nothing existed prior to this!
 * “By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.” Ps. 33:6

B. The declaration once again is a matter of fact, God Elohim created the earth.

1. **The third day** God divided the waters from the land, God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.” Gen. 1:9-10
2. A second distinct act took place on the third day, God brought forth the grass, herbs and fruit trees, “Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day.” Gen. 1:11-13

** The third day parallels the sixth day, land animals and man!*

3. **The fifth day** God created the sea life and the fowl of the air, “Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens. So God created “**bara**” great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.” Gen. 1:20-23

** The second day parallels the fifth day, the sky, birds and fish!*

4. **The sixth day** God created the cattle, creeping things and the beast of the field, each according to their kind and a second and distinct act of creation from the animal kingdom He created man, after the image and likeness of God, this was the sixth day. Gen. 1:24-27
 - a. The phrase, “God saw that it was good” is repeated every time it has a direct benefit to man on the earth, on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th day. Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25,

- b. But on the 6th day God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was **very good**. Gen. 1:31
- c. Man was the crowning glory of God's creation as He gave him dominion over all the complete and finished work of creation. Gen. 1:28-30
- d. Paul says, "By Him, Christ, all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him." Col. 1:16

Illustration

The sun is so large that, if it were hollow, it could contain more than one million worlds the size of our earth. There are stars in space so large that they could easily hold 500 million suns the size of ours. There are about 100 billion stars in the average galaxy. And there are at least 100 million galaxies in the known universe. #2204

Application

1. The evolutionist believes that we are the product of billions of years on a long process of transitional forms, going from the simple to the complex, yet that is not enough time for the simple cell to come about by random chance.

* Peter identifies them as those who are scoffers and willingly ignorant of God's revelation, "Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men". 2Pet. 3:3-7

- a. Evolution dates back to the ancient Greeks, Aristotle was an evolutionist 384-322 B.C.
- b. The first complete theory was by one Chevalier de Lamarch in 1744-1829 and became the professor of zoology at the Museum of National History in Paris.
- c. Later Darwin captured the world's attention having developed the theory as none before him.
- d. The belief is a rejection of divine revelation, the philosophy of "uniformitarianism", which clearly described by Peter.
- e. They choose to mock at the idea of a Creator and instead believe we owe our existence to the apes and the evolutionary model.
- f. They reject the fact that God judge the world by the flood and use the fossil record to prove

evolution rather than interpreting the fossil evidence as the proof of God's sudden cataclysmic judgment.

2. The evolutionary hypothesis is based on illogical general associations that are the fabricated imaginations of Atheists and God-haters.
 - a. There has never been found one transitional fossil nor are fossils being made throughout the world today as at the flood, but scientist have falsified findings to keep their grants funded and teach the religion of evolution in the Public schools.
 - b. Mutations do appear in species on the horizontal, but never evolving into another form, no cat ever became a dog, nor did a monkey become a man, in other words we have no transitional forms from "micro to macro".
 - c. True science and its laws refute evolution, for evolution cannot be reproduced or observed in the laboratory or life.
3. Let me give you some of the fraudulent hoax.
 - a. In 1891 a Dutch physician, named Dubois discovered a skull cap and three teeth. A year later, 90 feet from the same place he found a femur bone (thigh). He put them both together and came up with Pithecanthropus erectus "erect ape man" or Java man.
 - b. Two years after, in 1898 a premolar tooth was added and out of these three came Java man said to be 500,000 years old. Before his death, he convinced most it was an ape.

- c. In 1912 a part of a skull and jaw bone produced Piltown man, 500,000 years old, but found to be a complete forgery 41 years later.
- d. Then 1922 a tooth was found in Nebraska and from it an entire man was created and published in the London Illustrated News.
- e. 1927 it was found to be a pigs tooth.
- f. Then in 1950 it was checked for fluoride content and proved the jaw to be no older than the year found and the skull a few thousand years, not 500,000 years.
 - * It was noted also was the bones had been treated with iron salts to make them appear older and teeth had been filed.
- g. Orce man: Found in the southern Spanish town of Orce in 1982, and hailed as the oldest fossilized human remains ever found in Europe. One year later officials admitted the skull fragment was not human but probably came from a 4 month old donkey. Scientists had said the skull belonged to a 17 year old man who lived 900,000 to 1.6 million years ago. (source: "Skull fragment may not be human", Knoxville News-Sentinel, 1983)
- h. Brontosaurus: One of the best known dinosaurs in books and museums for the past hundred years, brontosaurus never really existed. The dinosaur's skeleton was found with the head missing. To complete it, a skull found three or four miles away was added. No one knew this for years. The body actually belonged to a

species of Diplodocus and the head was from an Apatosaurus. (source: Paul S. Taylor, *The Great Dinosaur Mystery and the Bible*, [Chariot Victor Publishing, 1989], pp.12-13)

- i. Zoologist Dan-Erik Nilsson, says, “Darwin acknowledged from the start that the eye would be a difficult case for his new theory to explain. Difficult, but not impossible. Scientists have come up with scenarios through which the first eye-like structure, a light-sensitive pigmented spot on the skin, could have gone through changes and complexities to form the human eye, with its many parts and astounding abilities. Through natural selection, different types of eyes have emerged in evolutionary history -- and the human eye isn't even the best one, from some standpoints. Because blood vessels run across the surface of the retina instead of beneath it, it's easy for the vessels to proliferate or leak and impair vision. So, the evolution theorists say, the anti-evolution argument that life was created by an "intelligent designer" doesn't hold water: If God or some other omnipotent force was responsible for the human eye, it was something of a botched design. Science or science-fiction? (Evolution of the eye) internet 2004.
- j. Geological column is a fabrication that only exists in the text books of man neatly lined up, it does not exist as such in the earth, but what it

does attest to is a cataclysmic event in the past, such as the flood.

- k. Dr. White, a British scientist, in his book *A Little On Living Fish* said, I have often thought how little I should like to prove organic evolution in a court of law.”
4. The record of divine creation meets with the requirements of science.
- a. Time, “In the beginning”.
 - b. Cause, “God created”.
 - c. Space, “the heavens”.
 - d. Matter, “the earth”.
 - e. Force, “the Spirit”.
 - f. First motion, “moved”.
 - g. In the early 80’s a professor at Berkley came up with the solution for transitional forms, he said, “That a snake laid an egg and a bird flew out of it.”, not quit scientific proof!
 - h. “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” Ps. 14:1
 - j. “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You **created all** things, And by Your will they exist and were created.” Rev. 4:11
 - k. “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 1Cor. 2:7-8

The totality of creation means everything in the heavens and the earth!

Conclusion

The opening verse of the Genesis is a declarative statement of the entire creation of the cosmos by:

- I.** The time of creation, which was the beginning of time as we know it, temporal!
- II.** The God of creation, who spoke things into existence!
- III.** The totality of creation, which means everything in the heavens and the earth!