

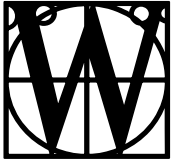
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“The Creation Of The World”

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When we read the Bible, we are impressed with the many miracles that are recorded. We are familiar, no doubt, with the miracle of the parting of the Red Sea (Ex. 14). This event, we remember, was preceded by the Ten Plagues (miraculous in nature) which God brought upon Egypt in order to defeat the gods of the Egyptians and cause them to let Israel go (Ex. 4:19-23, 12:12). When thinking of miracles, we might remember the miracles Jesus performed, such as healing sick people (Mk. 1:34, 6:56), the feeding of the 5000 and 4000 (Matt. 14:21, 15:38), His walking on the water (Matt. 14:25; Jn. 6:19), His resurrection, and many others. The apostles could also perform miracles. It was Peter and John who made the lame man walk (Acts 4). When shipwrecked, it was the apostle Paul who was bitten by the viper, but did not suffer any harm (Acts 28:4-6).

The Greatest Miracle

I believe the greatest miracle of all is the miracle of creation itself! Any other miracle (on a physical scale) pales in comparison to God calling this earth into existence from nothing. Look again at the miracles named in the above paragraph. What fact connects each miracle to the other? It is the fact that all of those miracles were performed on earth and upon the things that

were already in existence! Only the creation of the world involves a miracle wherein “something” came from nothing!

Like the parting of the Red Sea, there are numerous occasions in Scripture where the creation of the world is referenced. Notice first of all that Genesis 1-2 record the events that happened on those first 6 days. Not only this, but when we read Job 38-39, God asks Job a series of questions in which God challenges Job to answer certain truths about the creation; questions that can only be answered by the One who was there! David said, *“By the word of the lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast”* (Ps. 33:6, 9).

Other references to the creation include Christ’s words when He answered the Pharisees’ question concerning divorce by going back to the beginning and stating God’s purpose and plan for marriage to be one man and one woman for life. Christ said God had instituted this arrangement *“at the beginning”* when He *“made them male and female”* (Matt. 19:4-6). These and many other verses make it clear that the creation of the world is a miracle of the highest order, and that God deserves the credit, praise and worship for making all things. In Revelation, the twenty-four elders praised God by saying, *“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created”* (Rev. 4:11)

Some Deny The Bible’s Account Of Creation

Though folks deny that God created all things, we know the truth. The account of the creation stands as an archway at the beginning of the universe. From the Genesis record, we read of the origin of everything except God. Man, and His false theories cannot tell us where anything came from, yet God can, and He has! God alone stands eternal, having made all the things we see and the things we do not see (Jn. 1:1-3; Rom. 1:20; Col. 1:16-17). When we read those words, *“In the beginning, God ...”* we see God as the focal point of everything in the universe! We can understand then, that: *“In the beginning”* of time, God; *“In the beginning”* of the earth, God; *“In the beginning”* of man, God; *“In the beginning”* of the universe, God! In light of this truth, how can we look at the creation the same way? How can we deny the existence of God, the creator? He was there *“in the beginning”* and made all things. We were not there!

The sad reality is that there are many today who deny the existence of God and therefore deny the account of creation recorded in Genesis. In addition to these folks, there are also those who will say they believe in God as the Creator, but say that God did not create the world in the six literal, consecutive, 24-hour days as the Bible says. They say it took God millions upon millions of years to do what the Bible says took only six days. This is commonly referred to as *“theistic evolution.”* In either case, whether people deny God’s existence, or teach some form of theistic evolution, these people are denying the plain statements of Scripture and tearing at the very fabric of the Bible.

Some may ask how this is possible. How does the denial of the record in

Genesis 1-2 have a negative effect upon the rest of the Bible? Put simply, it is possible because when we deny the statements made concerning the creation and question their veracity, it casts a shadow of doubt on the rest of the Bible. How can we trust statements made in any other part of the Bible if we have denied the statements made at the beginning of the Book? Remember, the statements made in the first few chapters of the Bible are the foundation statements, and are referred to again and again in the rest of the Bible. Let us take a moment to consider the consequences if we cannot trust the creation account in the book of Genesis as six literal, consecutive, 24-hour days.

If We Cannot Trust The Bible's Account Of The Creation ...

- We cannot trust the Christ who spoke of the creation (Matt. 19:4-6; etc.). If we cannot trust Him to speak the truth about our creation, how can we trust Him on any other subject? Is the One who said He is *"the truth"* (Jn. 14:6) a liar at times?
- We cannot trust the account of the days that followed the creation, from Genesis 3 and forward; and this includes every Messianic prophecy, beginning in Genesis 3:15!
- The introduction of weeds, of the pain in childbirth, the headship of the man, of death, etc., (all things we read about in Genesis 3 and forward) is not true if the Bible account of creation is not true.
- We cannot trust the psalms which speak of creation,

such as Psalms 33:6-9, 95:5, and 148:5. Too, if the psalms which speak of the creation aren't trustworthy, how can any of the other psalms be trustworthy? Remember, Christ said that the "psalms" spoke of Him, too (Lk. 24:44)!

- We cannot trust Moses. He wrote about the creation, as well as the commandments God had given at Sinai, the plans for the Tabernacle/ Temple, and many other things.
- The theory of Evolution (or some form of it) must be true, and therefore, our existence is the result of some cosmic accident instead of intelligent design by a loving Creator. In which case ...
- Sin does not exist! Therefore, the whole Bible is a colossal hoax, and Christ (if we believe He is real) died in vain!
- Marriage/ Home is man's invention, not God's plan, and is insignificant. If the creation account is not true, then we have no reason to accept or follow the Lord's plan of one man and one woman for life, but may marry and divorce at will, or just "shack-up" without sinning. In such a situation, remember

that those who do marry may have heterosexual marriages, homosexual marriages, marriage with beasts, etc., all without sin! If not, why not?

- We cannot trust Paul, or any other apostle who spoke about the creation of the world (Acts 14:15, 17:24-26; Rom. 1:18). They spoke of the creation of the world as God's work.
- We are serving God for nothing.

Conclusion

May we come to terms with what it means if we cannot trust the first and second chapters of Genesis. The false theory of evolution, so popular in our world, is false doctrine. It is pervasive and has taken root in our society in just about every level. In fact, folks who are "brave enough" to say they believe in the Biblical account of creation are treated as ignorant people by the bulk of society, even among some calling themselves, "Christians."

May God's people respect every word in the Bible (II Tim. 3:16-17). May we remember to bring up our children to respect and love the word of God as well (Eph. 6:4). Regardless of what men say about our origins, God has told us the truth. Men will come and go, but God endures (Ps. 90:2)!

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