

GOD THE CREATOR

Text: Genesis 1:1

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Introduction:

1. Moses was taught two Competing and Conflicting Worldviews

- a. One from Pharaoh's Household (considered deity)—the other from His family
- b. One Based on Egyptian origin myths — the other based on the Truth of God

2. Moses believed the Truth—and the Truth Set Him Free

- a. Just Like Moses we have been told two competing world views...
- b. Just Like Moses—We Have a Choice...
- c. to Accept the Truth by Faith—or to reject the Truth for Lies and Myths of the world

I. THE FACT OF CREATION

A. THE BIBLE BEGINS WITH GOD 'In the Beginning, God...' (Genesis 1:1)

- 1. The Bible doesn't begin with you or I or us... It begins with God
- 2. God is Eternal, He has no beginning or end (Psalm 102:25–27)
- 3. He is the Alpha and the Omega, He Has No Beginning or End (1 Tim. 1:17)

B. THE BIBLE BEGINS WITH GOD AS CREATOR

'In the Beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.' (1:1)

1. This Truth Has Profound Implications!

- a) It Denies ATHEISM for it declares the existence of God
- b) It Denies POLYTHEISM for it confesses the One eternal Creator
- c) It Denies MATERIALISM for it asserts the creation of matter (It's not eternal)
- d) It Denies PANTHEISM since the existence of God was before all things
- e) It Denies FATALISM for it involves the free choice of the Eternal Being¹

2. God is the Eternal Creator of the Cosmos! (Romans 1:20)

C. THE ENTIRE GODHEAD HAD AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE CREATION

'And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.' (1:2)

1. WORD 'GOD' IN GENESIS 1:1 — is Elohim, the plural form of the word God

- a) The Plurality of the Godhead in Creation is seen in (Genesis 1:26, 3:22)
- b) The Godhead is so closely Unified that it's Difficult to Distinguish separately
- c) But Each Member of the Godhead Had an Active Role in the Creation...

2. GOD THE FATHER (Jeremiah 51:15; Psalm 89:11)

- a) Creation was planned by God before the foundation of the world

3. GOD THE SPIRIT (Genesis 1:2; Ps. 104:30; Job 26:13; 33:4)

- a) The Holy Spirit had an active role in giving energy and life to creation

4. GOD THE SON (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-2)

- a) Jesus was the agent through whom all things were made

¹ R.F. Weidner, adapted.

II. THE IMPLICATIONS OF CREATION

Since God Created All Things...

A. EVERYTHING BELONGS TO GOD

1. FACT: God owns everything... (Duet 10:14)

- a) God is the Creator of the Cosmos — of Heaven and Earth
- b) Everything Belongs to Him!

Someone told a Christian, You look like you own the world. They said, I don't but my Father does!"

2. IMPLICATION: Since God Owns Everything, What Could We Give Him?

- a) **(Psalm 50:10–11, 12b)** Even if we sacrificed a thousand rams and gave 10,000 rivers of oil to Lord... We would only be giving Him what He owes Already!
- b) He Wants Our Heart **(Micah 6:6–8)**

3. APPLICATION: He is the Potter, We are the Clay (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

- a) He Made Us For His Own Eternal Purposes
- b) and it's Not for the Clay to tell the Potter what to do or how to do it
- c) CS Lewis: "Does it not make a great difference whether I am, so to speak, the landlord of my own mind and body, or only a tenant, responsible to the real Landlord? If somebody else made me, for His own purposes, then I shall have a lot of duties which I should not have if I simply belonged to myself."

4. **(Exodus 19:5-6a)**

Since God Created All Things...

B. GOD TRANSCENDS EVERYTHING (1 Timothy 6:16)

1. FACT: God Created the Cosmos—

- a) So He Transcends the Cosmos, He is not bound by it...
- b) God Created Time, Energy, Space, Matter—
- c) So God is Outside of the Physical Elements and Laws of Nature

2. IMPLICATION: Since God Created Time—He Transcends Time (Psalm 90:2)

"with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (2 Pet 3:8)

3. APPLICATION: Nature is not God — and God is not nature

- a) Pantheism is the false belief that God is everything and everything is God
- b) FALSE: God Created Everything—and Transcends Everything He Made!
- c) God is Spirit—and we are to worship Him in Spirit and Truth **(Acts 17:24–25)**

Since God Created All Things...

C. GOD IS ETERNAL BUT MATTER IS NOT ETERNAL

1. FACT: God Alone is Immortal and Eternal (Revelation 1:8)

2. IMPLICATION: Matter is dependent on God, He is not dependent on matter

- a) Matter is Contingent—It Depends on God...
- b) not only for its origin, but for its continued existence **(Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:17)**

3. **APPLICATION: God created us in His Image (Genesis 1:26-27)**

- a) God is Spirit—He gave us Something of the Essence of His Nature
- b) God Created us, Designed Us with a Spirit... Something non-material and Eternal
- c) As Christians, God's Spirit Bears Witness with Our Spirit (**Romans 8:14, 16**)
- d) At Death our Body Turns Back to Dust, but Our Spirit Returns to God Who Created it

D. SINCE GOD ALONE CREATED EVERYTHING...

ONLY GOD ALONE IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

- 1. **FACT: (Rev. 4:11) Only God the Creator is Worthy of Worship**
- 2. **IMPLICATION: John was taken up into the spiritual Realm while on Patmos**
 - a) It's a Bit Startling when your alone on an island and suddenly your in heavenly realm
 - b) The Apostle John was so overwhelmed that he fell down prostrate before an angel...
 - c) **(Revelation 22:8-9)** The Angel Insisted—Only Worship God!
- 3. **APPLICATION: Since God Alone is Worthy of Worship—It's idolatry to worship any created thing or person, rather the Creator (Rom. 1:20–23, 25)**
 - a) They Exchanged the Truth for a Lie...
 - b) What is the Purpose of a Lie? —To Get What We Want...
 - c) What is the Result of Believing a Lie? —Enslavement...

“The purpose of communist propaganda was not to persuade or convince, not to inform, but to humiliate; and therefore, the less it corresponded to reality the better. When people are forced to remain silent when they are being told the most obvious lies, or even worse when they are forced to repeat the lies themselves, they lose once and for all their sense of probity (moral goodness). To assent to obvious lies is in some small way to become evil oneself. One's standing to resist anything is thus eroded and even destroyed. A society of emasculated liars is easy to control.

—Theodore Dalrymple

- d) One Reason Communist Regimes Outlaw Christianity is because to believe in God is to believe in a power higher than government.
- e) That's a problem for People want Government to be god
- f) The Purpose of a Lie is to Get What We Want... (power)
The Result of Believing the Lie is Enslavement.
- g) **Only the Truth of God Can Set You Free**

Since God Created All Things...

E. CREATION HAS A PURPOSE

- 1. **FACT: God created the Cosmos for a Purpose (Isaiah 45:18)**
 - a) To Be Inhabited by Life!
- 2. **IMPLICATION: The Cosmos is not an accident...**
 - a) It Has Divine Purpose, Intelligent Design and Pre-Determined Intent
 - b) If Your Were Walking Through the Woods and Stumbled Upon a Rock and asked, How did this rock get here? It would be easy to say, It's always been here.

- c) But What if You Stumbled on a Watch that Clearly Showed Design & Engineering
—Would We Say It's Always Been Here Like This?
- d) No, a Watch Requires a Watchmaker, Architecture Requires an Architect,
Intelligent Design Requires an Intelligent Designer.

3. **APPLICATION: The Cosmos is not an Accident**

—and YOU are Not an Accident!

- a) **God Created us For His Glory and For Our Good! (Psalm 147:3–11 NIV)**

Since God Created All Things...

F. CREATION WAS NOT ALWAYS BROKEN

1. **FACT: When God created the heavens and the earth and all that are in it,**
 - a) He said, "It is good."
 - b) When He Created Humanity, He said, "It is Good."
 - c) It Wasn't Until Sin Against God entered the world that Creation became wounded and corrupted by sin, satan, sickness and death.

2. **IMPLICATION: This is Why we long for something better...**

Deep Down We Know There is something more than this broken world

- a) C.S. Lewis: "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, then the most probable explanation is that we were made for a different world."

3. **APPLICATION: Which is Why God Reveals to Us in His Word that there is something better!**

GENESIS — REVELATION

1. Creation of Heavens & Earth	A New Heavens & New Earth
2. Paradise Lost	Paradise is Found
3. Appearance of Satan, Sin & Death	Defeat of Satan, Sin & Death
4. Rise of Babylon	Fall of Babylon
5. Man is Separated from God	Man is Reunited with God
6. Earthly Paradise	Heavenly Paradise
7. Tree of Life Blocked	Tree of Life Offered

CONCLUSION:

1. **God Has Created us For a Special Relationship with Him! (Rev. 21:3)**
2. **And He Sent His Son to shed His own blood as an atoning sacrifice for our sins—to save us and sanctify us to dwell w/ Him!**