

CREATION, THEN GOD SAID (PART 2)

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Intro. “Who, What, When, Where”

I. WHEN? Read (Gen. 1:1 – 2:3)

- A. In the beginning of “when?”
- B. All six days of creation were *in the beginning*. The chapter begins with it and our Lord used the same word to describe the creation of man on the sixth day.
 - 1. In **Mark 10:6**, Jesus said, *“But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’”*
 - 2. Such an expression does not reasonably fit some event occurring millions or billions of years after the first day.

II. WHO?

- A. The second question is *who*?
 - 1. And the answer is God. God’s existence is not argued and God is not a part of the things created.
 - 2. God is spirit. God is not made of the matter that He created.
- B. Jesus confirmed the truthfulness of the inspired reporter’s words in Matt. 19:4: *“Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’”*
- C. Christ, the Creator:
 - 1. Paul wrote of Christ. *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him **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.1:15 – 16)*

III. WHAT HAPPENED?

- A. No one else and nothing else has ever brought anything into being.
- B. God’s act was creating.
- C. To create is to make all things... from no pieces, from no parts, out of nothing.
 - 1. To create is to put into being all things, with all their parts, fully functional, operational, working just exactly as the creator intended.
 - 2. Is that not the meaning of *and it was good*?
- D. Nature did not create nature.
 - 1. Things did not and do not create things.
 - 2. Things were created by God.

IV. HOW DID GOD CREATE ALL THINGS?

- A. Genesis 1 and 2 not only tell us that God created all things, but goes on to report *how* He did it. We may desire a fuller explanation, but what He revealed is sufficient.
 - 1. Did you get it? In every case and on every day, **God said...and it was so...and it was good.**

- B. Note other passages that describe *how* God created all things.
1. *Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He commanded and they were created.* (Psa. 148:5)
 2. *By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.* (Psa 33:6)
- C. John, the gospel writer, identifies Christ as God, the Creator...and He does it by calling him **the Word** (logos)!
1. “It is not just that we (especially we who are scientists, Larry Dickens, Ph.D.) are incapable of explaining, by natural processes, the how’s of what God did to create. It is simply that God did not use natural processes; so therefore, natural processes cannot explain at all. I could as easily explain how Hezekiah’s sundial backed up, how Jesus turned water into wine, or how Jesus said to Lazarus, ‘Come forth,’ and it was so, as to explain how, ‘God said...and it was so’ scientifically.”
- D. God did not declare the physical mechanisms applied in the creation.
1. Please note a distinction between Apparent Age and Actual Age.
 2. How old did the birds, fish and trees appear when God *created* them?
 3. How old did the fish appear when Jesus fed the 5,000?
- E. Another realm in which naturalistic answers fail. The resurrection from the dead.
1. Some of the Christians in Corinth rejected the idea of a general resurrection (1 Cor. 15:12 – 19)
 2. The problem was that Paul was teaching a general resurrection; but some of the Corinthians didn’t believe in it. (**Read 1 Cor. 15:35 - 40**) Can’t explain it, naturally.

V. WHY DID GOD DO IT THE WAY HE DID?

- A. Finally, let’s look at the last of the journalistic and historical questions “**Why.**”
- B. There are at least three *why* questions God’s book answers:
1. Why did God create the heavens and the earth in the first place? (Gen.1:27)
 2. Why did God create the heavens and the earth so big? (Psalm 8, 19; Rom.1:20)
 3. Why did He create them in the manner He did; i.e., why did it He do it by the method of “and God said...and it was so”? (2 Cor. 4:1 – 6)

Conclusion:

- A. **This is why the record of the creation matters.**
1. This is the answer to why it matters what we believe about how God created the heavens and the earth.
 2. God wants us to be impressed with the power of His word; so He told us how He created the heavens and the earth.
- B. Let us all believe the inspired reporter’s record of the creation...to be impressed with the power of God’s word, not just to create man in the beginning, but to re – create him in the image of His Son. (Romans 8:29)