

## CREATION, THEN GOD SAID

S.R. Psalm 148

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Intro. “What is God?” To “know” Him we need to know what He has done.

- A. In journalism class in high school we learned that our task was to report what happened.
- B. Lead off sentence or paragraph should answer, who, what, when and where.
  - 1. If possible he may also answer **how** it happened and **why** it happened.
- C. The questions: Who did it? What happened? When was it done? And where did it happen?
- D. Notice how brief the library of God’s Word is.
  - 1. The Holy Spirit is very succinct in telling us all we need to know in such few words.
  - 2. Note: Gen. 1:1 “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”
  - 3. In the beginning (when) God (who) created (what happened) the heavens (where) and the earth (what).
- E. Let’s examine the Bible answers to this newsflash regarding questions about creation.
  - 1. Begin with when? The answer is “in the beginning.”

### I. WHEN? Read (Gen. 1:1 – 2:3)

- A. In the beginning of “when?”
  - 1. In the first chapter, it is in the beginning of “days.”
  - 2. Genesis one is divided into six days and the day is defined by its first usage.
  - 3. Again we read in Gen. 1:12 a third day and so forth, until we come to the end of the chapter. Then he wrote
- 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.
  - 3. God, the Creator, is declared in many passages in the Bible.
- 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. *All things were created through Him and for Him.* (Col.1:15 – 16)
2. John identifies the Christ as God, the Creator. *All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.* (John 1:1-3)

### III. WHAT HAPPENED?

- A. No one else and nothing else has ever brought anything into being.
  1. We will combine the *what* and *where* questions in the usual question: *What happened?*
  2. What did God do? He *created* the heavens, the earth, and all things (cf. Paul at Lystra “...to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,” (Acts 14:15)
- B. God’s act was creating.
  1. Creation was the making of things, all things, out of that which did not before exist.
  2. Creation is not procreation. (cf. mom and dad *creating* a baby.
  3. Creation is not making again that which already exists – not naturally nor by mutation. (cf. making of a different color of eyes in a fruit fly)
  4. Creation is not manufacture. (cf. Creating a new car)
- 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. This is the issue in the conflict between atheistic evolution and the biblical record. This is the reason there is no room in the heart of the Bible believers for theories of theistic evolution.
- E. Nature did not create nature.
  1. Things did not and do not create things.
  2. Things were created by God.
    - a. As John reported, *apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.* (John 1:3)
    - b. The very method of the language indicates the passage to be a report of events which literally took place.
  3. To question the historical accuracy of the text is to question the ability of the reporter to accurately report facts.
    - a. If what was written in Genesis 1 and 2 was not fact, but fiction, at what point does the text become factual?
    - b. If what was written in Genesis 1 and 2 was figurative, at what point does the narrative become literal and upon what basis? (Gen. 5:3 – 5)
    - c. We start down a very “slippery slope” when we deny the factual and literal account of creation as given by God, via Moses and confirmed by Christ, Himself.