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## "Creation"

### Day 6

### Part 2

I want to read a news article that was published this week.

*New results from looking at the split-second after the Big Bang indicate the universe is 80 million years older than previously thought and provide ancient evidence supporting core concepts about the cosmos - how it began, what it's made of and where it's going.*

*The findings released Thursday bolster a key theory called inflation, which says the universe burst from subatomic size to its now-observable expanse in a fraction of a second. The new observations from the European Space Agency's \$900 million Planck space probe appear to reinforce some predictions made decades ago solely on the basis of mathematical concepts. "We've uncovered a fundamental truth of the universe," said George Efstathiou, director of the Kavli Institute for Cosmology at the University of Cambridge who announced the Planck satellite mapping result in Paris. "There's less stuff that we don't understand by a tiny amount." "It's a big pat on the back for our understanding of the universe," California Institute of Technology physicist Sean Carroll, who was not involved in the project, told The Associated Press. "In terms of describing the current universe, I think we have a right to say we're on the right track."*

*The Big Bang - the most comprehensive theory of the universe's beginning - says the visible portion of the universe was smaller than an atom when, in a split second, it exploded, cooled and expanded faster than the speed of light. The Planck space probe looked back at the afterglow of the Big Bang, and those results have now added about 80 million years to the universe's age, putting it at 13.81 billion years old."*

They spent all of that money and they are still wrong! I could have saved them \$900 million just by pointing them to Genesis 1. The sad thing about all this teaching of evolution and the earth being millions of years old is that many believers have bought into the lie.

We as believers are to accept that Genesis 1 is the absolute Truth and is the full account of Creation. Let me give you 3 dangers of denying the accuracy of this chapter or accepting the teaching of evolution:

- 1. You have now cast doubt upon the entire Bible.**

If Genesis 1 is not true then you can't possibly say the rest of the Scriptures are true.

- 2. You are guilty of suppressing the Truth of God's Word.**

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### **Romans 1:18**

*<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

*<sup>19</sup> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.*

*<sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

**3. You are in danger of facing the wrath of the Almighty God.**

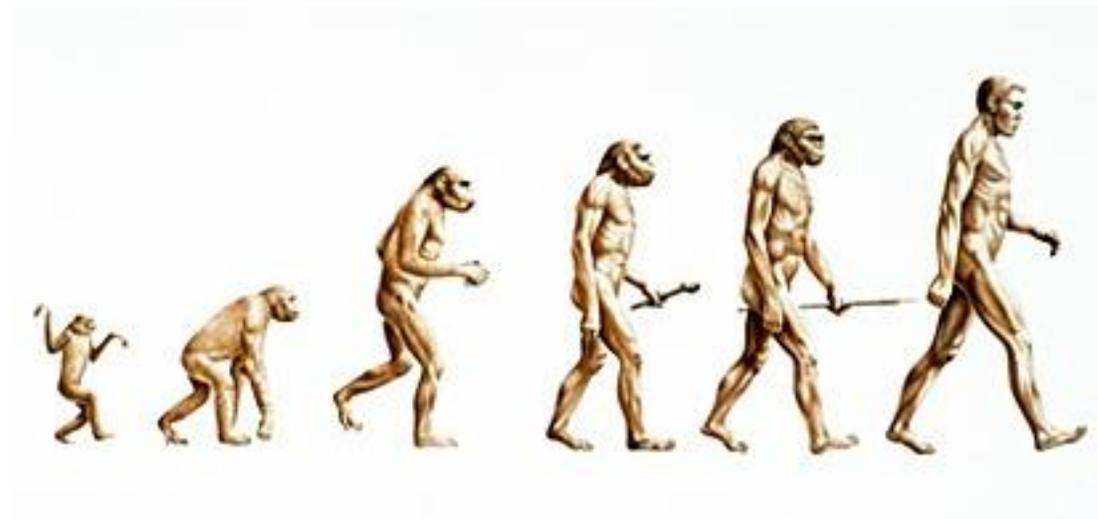
### **Revelation 22:18-19**

*<sup>18</sup> For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:*

*<sup>19</sup> And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

Did you know that the majority of believers would deny that God has created the world and all that is in it in 6 literal 24 hour days? That means that they deny the accuracy of Genesis 1 which also means they deny the accuracy of the entire Bible.

Why do they do this? How have they reached this conclusion?



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Do you remember this from school?

The damage of this teaching has reached far beyond what our minds were able to comprehend. This chart and this teaching is nothing but a lie.

*In a book written by John Ankerberg and John Weldon called Darwin's Leap of Faith it says, "Despite widespread belief to the contrary, the fossil record of mankind is woefully inadequate to justify any belief in evolution. Despite a hundred and thirty years of searching, there are no fossils that have convincingly related man to any other species. Most have been conclusively proven false."*

*Duane Gish writes, "There is no evidence, either in the present world or in the world of the past that man has arisen from some lower creature. He stands alone as a separate and distinct created type, or basic morphological design, endowed with qualities that set him far above all other living creatures."*

**Listen to the words of the evolutionist David Pilbeam:**

*"There is no clear-cut and inexorable pathway from ape to human being. The fossil record has been elastic enough, the expectations sufficiently robust to accommodate almost any story. Perhaps generations of students of human evolution, including myself, have been flailing about in the dark, our data basis too sparse, too slippery for it to be able to mold our theories. Rather the theories are more statements about us and our ideologies than about the past".*

If some of the evolutionists struggle with origins then why do people buy into evolution?

**People do not want to believe in God because that makes them accountable.**

**Review:**

So far in our study we have come through 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  days of creation. Last week we looked at day 5 and the first part of day 6. On day 5 God created all aquatic life and all birds. In the first half of day 6 God created all land animals.

There are 2 statements that I want to review because they are so important.

**"After his kind"** This means there were limitations on variation. In other words one animal did not evolve into another animal.

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**"And it was so"** This is very important and it means that what God created was complete and there was no room for improvement. That which was created would permanently be the way it was created.

Now we have come to where we are today.

## I. The Creation of Man

### Notice Genesis 1:26

We will not get into the actual creation of man today but we will look at the statement that is made at the beginning of this verse.

**"And God said let us make man in our image"**

#### a. The first point I want to consider here is the word "us".

Many people ask the question who was with God? The word "us" refers to the Trinity. There was the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Why are we told that all three were involved in the creation of man?

The reason is because this is the master piece of God's creation. Everything else that was created before the creation of man was for man's purpose. The creation of everything that was before this was for the purpose making God known to the human race.

### Romans 1:19-20

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*<sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

The events before the creation of man were only setting the stage for this day. When we come to Genesis 1:26 all the stage has been set. I can just imagine the angels gathering around in anticipation of this event. Think about it. God used very few words to describe everything

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else that was created. But God will use almost all of chapter 2 to give the details of the creation of man.

This event was Personal to God and so all the members of the Trinity were involved.

**b. God's choice to create man.**

Now I want to borrow your mind for a moment and I want you to go a little deeper here. When God made the choice to create man here it would mean His Son was committed to suffering on the cross. You see God knew what man would do. He knew Adam would disobey Him and it would plunge the entire human race into sin.

**Revelation 13:7-8**

*<sup>7</sup> And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

*<sup>8</sup> And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

In the mind of God Jesus was slain from the foundation of the world.

But it goes beyond just dying on the cross. His death would be like no other for He would experience the very same thing on the cross that you would have if you were to die unsaved. Isaiah has the best description of the death of Jesus on the cross.

**Isaiah 53:4-6**

*<sup>4</sup> Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

The word "griefs" here refers to sickness and disease or the physical effects of sin. When Jesus died He not only took our sins upon Him but also took the physical effects of your sin and mine. The word "sorrows" refers to the emotion effects of sin. None of this existed before sin entered the world.

*<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

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The word "wounded" means to "pierce through with a fatal blow". It refers to the nails being driven through Him and the spear being pushed into His side. In the Hebrew it has a very violent meaning. The word "bruised" means to "utterly crush" that describes the weight of the sin upon Him. Don't miss the pronoun "our" in this verse for that shows that He was suffering for us.

*<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

The word "laid" in this verse has a very violent meaning. It means to "slam something down". When God "laid" the sins of the world on His Son He slammed them down with great force. Remember that Jesus was under the wrath of the Father.

Let us take our minds back to Genesis 1:26 now. This was all in the mind of God when He made the choice to create man.

**c. The purpose of creating man.**

Why did He do it if He knew what man would do and what it would cost Him? The answer to this is beautiful.

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

*But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.*

*<sup>2</sup> When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*

*<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.*

*<sup>4</sup> Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.*

*<sup>5</sup> Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;*

*<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;*

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<sup>7</sup> *Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*

God has created every one of us for His glory. He knew that we would fall into sin but He would use our sinful state to show just how deep His love is for us through the sacrifice of His Son. You see God could have prevented sin entering into the human race but if He had we would never have known of the extent of His love.

Notice Paul's prayer for the believers at Ephesus.

### **Ephesians 3:16-19**

<sup>16</sup> *That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;*

<sup>17</sup> *That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*

<sup>18</sup> *May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;*

<sup>19</sup> *And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

### **Conclusion:**

God is fully committed to us but how committed are you to Him? How are you serving? How faithful are you in service, in learning about Him, in obedience to Him?

### **Ephesians 2:10**

<sup>10</sup> *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*