

God Created the World

In *The Sound of Music* Maria sings, “Nothing comes from nothing, nothing ever could.” Quite true. No matter what you’re looking at, “Nothing comes from nothing, nothing ever could!”

How then do we explain the existence of the universe? If it didn’t just happen, it must have been created. Richard Dawkins, one of the world’s leading evolutionist spokespersons, grudgingly admitted, “The more statistically improbable a thing is, the less we can believe that it just happened by blind chance. Superficially the obvious alternative to chance is an Intelligent Designer.”

Dawkins prefers to believe that blind chance (what evolutionists term “natural selection” operating over countless millions of years) provides the mechanism for the evolutionary process. His theory is legless.

Statistically

Statistically, the odds are stacked incredibly high against Dawkins. A biologist once commented that the likelihood of this world being produced by chance is about as statistically possible as that of an explosion in a printing factory producing the complete works of William Shakespeare!

However, if this world is not the result of a monumental, inexplicable accident, then it must have a powerful, originating, and energising source outside of itself. That source is God. He is the great Creator.

Scientifically

Wherever you look in this world you are confronted with evidence of an intricate and intelligent design, which of necessity demands a designer. Out of many available illustrations of this truth consider the following:

- ❖ If conditions on this earth had been the slightest bit different, life would have been impossible. Our environment shows numerous signs of meticulous design.
- ❖ In hot countries, bees have a way of coping with hornets that have the rather annoying habit of haunting their hives and biting off their heads. The bees come out of the hive in a rush, surround the hornet, and move their wings so fast that a

tremendous amount of heat is generated. When the temperature reaches 46°C, the hornet dies. If the temperature were to go up higher to 48°C, the bees would also die. But it doesn’t. That speaks to me of design, not accident or chance!

- ❖ The movements of the stars and planets are so ordered and precise that Greenwich mean time is worked out from them.
- ❖ The human eye is inexplicable to evolutionists. Evolutionary processes of trial and error over millions of years brought about human vision as we know it? That’s a bit of a tall story and even Charles Darwin knew it! He conceded, “To suppose that the eye ... could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree.”

Since Darwin’s day, science has increased our knowledge of the human eye. Back in the mid-1800s, Darwin would not have known that the rapid operation of the eye muscles results in three imperceptibly tiny movements, called tremors, drifts, and saccades. These tiny tremors, drifts, and saccades continuously and rapidly wobble the eyeball in a circular fashion at a rate of up to 70 times per second, causing the cornea and retina to move in circles with incredibly minute diameters of approximately 1/1000 of a millimetre, or .00004 inch. Without these movements, images would appear in broken and distorted form.

How can we account for all this? Where is the sufficient cause for all these things? Who made them like this? The Bible gives us the answer in the plainest of terms.

Scripturally

Three thousand years ago David stated, “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard” (Psalm 19:1-3). Paul was careful to underline the same truth: “Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 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” (Romans 1:19-20).

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From a Biblical standpoint, the whole creation/evolution debate is an open-and-shut case. Divine revelation declares that all things started with a dramatic display of the power of God: He created the heavens and the earth out of nothing (see Genesis 1:1, 26-27; Deuteronomy 32:6; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 33:6; Isaiah 45:12, 18; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17). Nowhere in the entire Bible is there even a hint of a gradual development of life of any kind. On the contrary, many passages reflect the truth that the act of creation involved a divine miracle which occurred within a short space of time (Genesis 1; Exodus 20:11).

The doctrine of the gospel stands or falls with that of creation. The early chapters of Genesis, with their account of God's mighty acts in the creation of man and the world, and man's subsequent fall into sin, are foundational to the entire Bible. If we cannot believe Genesis 1-3, how can we be sure of John 3:16? But a God who has both the purpose and the power to create and sustain the world gives me the confidence that the same Lord can recreate and save His people within it. With the hymn writer I rejoice:

*Oh, how I love Him! How I adore Him!
My breath, my sunshine, my All in all;
The great Creator became my Saviour
And all God's fulness dwelleth in Him. ■*

Genesis 1:1 has been described as "the foundation of all foundations and is thus the most important verse in the Bible" (Henry Morris). Andrew Fuller has declared that a child can learn in five minutes from this verse, more than all the ancient sages ever knew. From Genesis 1:1 we learn:

The Affirmation of God

The fact that God exists is not argued but asserted. Romans 1:18-21 states that men know there is a God. The fool does not want to admit this fact (Psalm 14:1). His problem is not mental, but moral.

The Activity of God

Only God can create something out of nothing (cf. Genesis 1:1, 21, 27). It has often been pointed out that if a person really believes Genesis 1:1, he will not find it difficult to believe anything else recorded in the Bible. If God really created all things, then He controls all things and can do all things!

The Attributes of God

Genesis 1:1 refutes all of man's false philosophies concerning the origin and meaning of the world:

1. **Atheism.** "God created." Nature is impossible without God.
2. **Pantbeism.** Pantbeism teaches that nature is God and God is nature. "God created the heaven and the earth."
3. **Polytheism.** One God created all things.
4. **Materialism.** Matter is not eternal; it had a beginning. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."
5. **Humanism.** God, not man, is the ultimate reality. "In the beginning God."
6. **Evolutionism.** "In the beginning God created." Science can take us back only so far, and then it stands impotent and dumb, but just at that point the voice of Revelation is heard saying—God.

Our God is eternal, self-existent, omnipotent, omniscient, and sovereign. As our Creator, He has the authority to declare what is right and what is wrong and to demand obedience.

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