

THE TWO CREATIONS OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

Over 100 years ago, the noted scientist Herbert Spencer announced that there five (5) “knowables” of science: **Time, Force, Motion, Space** and **Matter**. Surely God must have smiled as He knew someday man would make this discovery, so He put them ALL in the very first verse of the Bible. **Time**, “in the beginning; **Force**, God; **Motion**, Created; **Space**, the heavens; and **Matter**, the Earth. Solomon wrote “There is nothing new under the sun” (Eccl. 1:9). God put everything here, and all that we ever discover, invent, manufacture, or make, **all** comes from what God put here in the beginning. We think of these things as being “great”, but they all give glory to the God of heaven in His creation. From something we “make” things, but from nothing God created all things.

There are two (2) creations of God that we are going to consider at this time: (1) God’s NATURAL CREATION, and (2) God’s SPIRITUAL CREATION.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, let’s consider the OLD “NATURAL” CREATION.

- A. This creation involves the origin of the universe with all it’s planets, stars, sun, moon, stars and all animal and vegetable creation for the benefit of human kind.
1. This creation was “spoken” into existence by God in His great wisdom and power.
Gen. 1:1; Psa. 33:6-9; Heb. 11:4
 - a. God did not have to experiment and test everything He created.
 - b. God could merely “speak” the word and everything would begin, even the creating of mankind **from** the material things of the earth. Gen.2:7
 2. All these acts of creation were done in 7 solar days, but men question the ability of God to do so, explaining that God would **have** to have millions of years to bring these things into existence **IF** He really had anything to do with it. Exo. 20:11
 - a. The separation of light before darkness corresponds to our solar days of darkness and light.
 - b. The use of the term “evening and morning” in Gen. 1 has been used for centuries to describe their days (beginning with darkness) as “evening”, and then “light.”
 - c. The comparison of the 7th day (when God rested) with the 7th day He commanded “man” to rest suggests a literal solar day, and the comparison would not be consistent if God’s days were millions of years as we would measure time, for man could not equal that.
 - d. The existence of vegetable life created on the 3rd day could not exist through long geological ages (or even 1000 years), for they would burn up in the day time and freeze at night in such long periods.
 - e. The word “day” is from the Hebrew word yom, which **always** describes a literal or solar day when used with numbers, specifying literal days of day and night.
 - f. The age of Adam was 930, and he lived through some of these days, and his age would be incredible IF any one of these days or nights were 1000 years long or longer.
 - 1) If we multiply 365 days time 930 years, he would have lived 339,450 years as we mark time.
 - 2) IF Methuselah lived 969 years later, were they also geological ages?
 3. If man today can “conquer space” to the extent that he can send messages and pictures through the air from anywhere on the earth to anywhere on the earth,

why should it not be a thing incredible to believe that all things involved in these accomplishments, should have **first** been made possible through the wisdom and power of the great God of the universe?

- B. God's first creation came to a climax in the formation of human life. Gen. 2:7, 18-22
1. Organic and theistic evolutionists have GREAT difficulty in trying to explain **how** or what the odds would be for two small "blobs" of something just happening to evolve at the same time, and have sexual capabilities to reproduce other human beings like themselves.
 2. With God this is possible, reasonable and understandable, as He created **both** "male" and "female" at the beginning of the universe. Matt. 19:3-4

II. Now, let's consider the NEW "SPIRITUAL" CREATION OF GOD.

- A. THIS creation is the special creation for that special relationship between Himself and the highest order of the FIRST creation—man, with a soul from God.
1. The church as a **whole** is God's "new creation".
 - a. He planned the church from eternity, even **before** the first creation. Eph. 3:9-11 (Discuss fully as desired).
 - b. The church was made possible by the death and blood of JESUS the Son of God, which was also in the eternal plan of God. 1 Pet. 1:18-20; cf Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28
 - c. The church is to remain till the end of the world, as long as the "seed" remains, and we know it will. Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 8:11; 1 Pet. 1:23-25; Eph. 3:21 (Explain fully as desired).
 2. Then, each individual MEMBER of the body (or church) of Christ is an integral part OF that "new creation".
 - a. When we are converted to Christ, born again, we become "new creatures" or a part of that creation. Rom.6:3-5; 2Cor.5:17
 - b. Our **new** life involves new actions of goodness and righteousness. Eph. 2:8-10; Col. 3:9-10
- B. When God formed man and woman to be married to each other, this was used by God as a pattern for Christ the head, and the church as His bride—to explain the "great mystery" of bringing the uniting of Jew and Gentiles as one. Eph.5:22-32 (Explain fully)

CONCLUSION

- I. We marvel at the FIRST creation of material the universe and all things physical, and much more marvel at His second creation of His church.
- A. The first creation (Old) was temporary, and will someday end in fire at the coming of Christ in the last day.
 - B. The second (New) is permanent, and all it's faithful citizens shall enjoy the blessings of heaven after Christ comes gather the redeemed into glory. 1 Cor. 15:23-24
- II. Will you be ready to share in that glory?

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