Creation of the Earth

GraspingGod.com's Lesson #1.07

God's creation of the earth was an actual historical event, which occurred roughly 6,000 years ago, and we've discovered an eyewitness. Let's find out who it was in today's lesson.

Please read Genesis 1:1-25 before starting GraspingGod.com free Bible study lessons, #1.07

Previous lesson: Angels In Heaven #1.06

Preliminary Bible Study Questions:

- 1) Why do many people totally discount a Creator?
- 2) How did the creation of the earth happen?
- 3) What is the age of earth?

A Big Bang!? Really?

Hey, welcome back! I'm having fun talking about the great things of God with you. These lessons are a blessing to build and I love studying with you. I think you'll like today's discussion. You may even find some surprises along the way.

It would be remiss of me to ignore God's creation of the earth in the history of Jesus Christ, who did the work of creation (<u>John 1:3</u>). God, through the pre-incarnate Christ, created heaven and earth *ex nihilio*, which means he created the universe "out of nothing."

God didn't simply form the universe out of pre-existent matter. God created all matter into the form of the present universe. He did this miraculous, creative work with nothing but the words from his mouth (Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,14,20). **The creation of the earth happened by God's word. Wow!**

He is now sustaining the world by holding it together (<u>Colossians 1:16-17</u>). In other words, God is the cosmic glue that binds all atomic particles that form the things we see. Without his word holding the atoms together, there would be mass chaos throughout the universe.

The Genesis chapters one & two account of God's creation of the earth, and all things on it, holds true even after the recent attacks of secular science. People who love the Lord must better discern claims from the secular world. When information attempting to discredit the Bible passes our way we have to ask strong and bold questions. Be suspicious, be inquisitive and be biblically strong!

I built a small **list of questions** (there are many more!) to ask when studying the origins of creation, and specifically, the creation of the earth:

- Assuming a big bang occurred, the "matter that went BANG!" had to have an origin. Where did the matter originate?
- Did trillions of rounded stars and a perfectly synchronized solar system all happen by an accidental explosion?
- Are the planets accidentally circling our sun in a perfect orbit?
- Do big bang accidents create universal order, synchronized harmony, and breath-taking beauty?
- Don't explosions usually wreck havoc and destruction?
- Is the clock-like rotation of the earth a product of an unguided massive explosion?
- Is the earth accidentally placed in an orbit which gives humans perfectly controlled, life-supporting light, oxygen, heat, water, and food?

The Second Law of Thermodynamics

Big bang proponents claim progress and the development of our universe with their hypothesis. However, the Theory of the Second Law of Thermodynamics (aka Law of Entropy) states that all matter breaks down over the course of time, because of a loss of heat.

Thusly, things made up of matter break down from their original state - they do NOT evolve into a greater, more defined form. The creation regresses and in no way progresses!

There are growing numbers of resources available that offer plenty of evidence for creationism. Click here to start your exciting adventure in understanding the earth's beginnings.

Human Evidence?

The big bang and its companion evolution ideas lack hard evidence, which would be okay IF there were eyewitnesses. Of course, there are none and never will be. The reason is that neither of these scenarios happened in reality.

These ideas only happened in the minds of people throughout history - even dating back to Aristotle's day. Their ideas of the creation of the earth are simply human imaginations based on strong anti-biblical biases.

But why? Why do people attempt to discredit God and the Bible? Certain people need to disprove God and his word in order to make their worldview logical. They don't believe in a God-ordained morality code, and don't believe that a person will be held accountable for breaking God's moral codes - the Ten Commandments. **People are attempting to remove God's judgment upon mankind's sin.** That will never happen.

Certain people seek to disprove God by striving to find the origin of life. They truly believe they can discover where life chemically originated. Phenomenal amounts of human and financial

resources are devoted to the task of finding the origins of both the universe and life itself, and thusly discrediting the creation of the earth, humanity, and animal accounts found in Genesis 1.

Again, this could never happen because God and his Word are truth, and any threats that arise will be put to shame. You can count on it! (Isaiah 44:24-25)

What is Life?

You may be wondering what I mean by "life?" We're talking here about organic life. Something has life if its functions promote living, in order to not die. As an example, a plant has life, because it consumes oxygen, sunlight, food and water in its quest for survival.

An animal has needs much the same as plants, as do humans. Without the required resources to survive, the living thing, animal, or person will die and return to the earth. Death is the separation of life from the matter which formed the living thing. Compare this with a rock, which is inorganic by nature. A rock needs nothing to maintain its original state of being.

God's Creation Had a Witness

Jesus Christ is a witness to the Genesis account of the creation of the earth, which God wrote by Moses' hand. Jesus himself said Moses' account of creation is fact. John 5:46-47 states, "If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. But since you don't believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

Some people don't believe in Jesus Christ, therefore they don't believe in Moses' writings. Moses' writings were God-breathed (2 Peter 1:20-21); so, we hear directly from the Lord in the case of God's creation of the earth.

Jesus Christ was there - He WAS the Creator! He is our witness to God's creation!

God's creation of the earth was the final touch in God's unfathomable universal building project. He spoke, and matter and objects were created, instantly! Whether it was a star, a planet or the earth, or any living thing, it was formed instantly. Yes, you heard me right, God created life! God actually breathed life into his organic creations. Life cannot come from non-life - it simply isn't possible.

I won't spend time here promoting intelligent-design apologetics. I believe we should relax with the pressure to verify God's creative work in our universe. We are so overly worried about creationism's academic responsibility to science that we lose our focus in our Christian walk. If proof of the origins of life is necessary for you, then question science, while believing in the Bible.

Place science under a microscope, but in the meantime, trust God's word (Psalm 18:30).

Grasp This!

Yet another choice is before you, of which there are two options.

Your first choice is believing that an accidental explosion created a perfectly synchronized universe, full of life, but with no purpose. This option possesses no eyewitnesses.

Or, you can believe an omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign God of miracles created our universe, with life and purpose. This choice has one trustworthy witness - Jesus Christ himself.

Reasonably, soulfully, truthfully - which do you choose?

The creation of the earth is God's special handiwork.

The Bible states God's expectations of what he desires concerning our belief of his creation work. <u>Hebrews 11:3</u> emphatically states, "By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen."

God's word says faith in his creation of the earth is faith in him, and faith in him is the grounds of our salvation. That means your belief in creation's origin is rather important, would you agree? Get to know him, your Creator (Colossians 3:10), because he created you to know and glorify him.

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Bible Study Questions:

- 1) Can you find the <u>Christian Trinity</u> members in the Genesis chapters 1 & 2 creation of the earth account?
- 2) Why do so many people trust the myth of evolution, but not the creation of the earth found in God's word?
- 3) Take a walk outside, and observe the many beautiful plants and creatures. Ask yourself if those things have no living Creator honestly reply in prayer to God.

Inspirational Bible Verses:

For the LORD is God, and he created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. He made the world to be lived in, not to be a place of empty chaos. Isaiah 45:18

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race. The sun rises

at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat. Psalm 19:1-6

Through him [Jesus] all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:3

Faith Quotes!

To us also, through every star, through every blade of grass, is not God made visible if we will open our minds and our eyes. Thomas Carlyle

God has made for us two kinds of eyes: those of flesh and those of faith. John Chrysostom

Creation Quotes:

No philosophical theory which I have yet come across is a radical improvement on the words of Genesis, that "in the beginning God made Heaven and Earth. C.S.Lewis

The testimony given by the heavens is no mere hint, but a plain, unmistakeable declaration; and it is a declaration of the most constant and abiding kind...Yet, for all this, God the Holy Ghost must illuminate us, or all the suns in the milky way never will. Charles Spurgeon

The only way we can determine the true age of the earth is for God to tell us what it is. And since He has told us, very plainly, in the Holy Scriptures, that it is several thousand years in age, and no more, that ought to settle all basic questions of terrestrial chronology. Henry Morris

Heaven and earth were created all together in the same instant, on October 23, 4004 B.C. at none [sic] in the morning. Dr John Lightfoot, Cambridge University, spoken immediately before Darwin's "Origin of the Species" released.

The end of God's creating the world was to prepare a kingdom for his Son. Jonathon Edwards

God creates out of nothing. Therefore, until a man is nothing God can make nothing out of him. Martin Luther

I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God. Abraham Lincoln

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Dear Lord, When I look out my window and see all the beauty you created, my heart wonders back to you. The creation of the earth is magnificent, but does it compare to your home? How beautiful heaven must be! Jesus, whatever it takes, whatever the cost, whatever the cup I must drink, please let me be with you for eternity. Thank you, my sweet Savior. Amen

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