

God Brings Order out of Chaos

: 2 *The earth was without form and void ...* God brings order out of the initial chaos. Could this be the beginning stages of the ‘big bang’? The term ‘void’ does not mean emptiness, but rather disarray.

and darkness was over the face of the deep. The gravitational force early in the big bang would be such that light could not escape. It would be like a black hole.

But now that energy is being transformed into matter (as per Einstein) God can mold the matter into the forms that he desires. The molding is carried out by the forces of gravitation, the weak and strong electrical forces, magnetism, etc.

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. The word spirit can be translated wind or breath or spirit. Again, the writer is not postulating the Trinity, although we know better now. The waters could mean all of space as we know it, but this is only speculation on my part.

: 3-5 *And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.* These are the first of the ten words of creation. (As the universe expands, the forces of gravity weaken so that light can escape for the first time.)

God commands, the command is fulfilled, and God approves.

Light can be used metaphorically for the presence of God, for life, salvation and the commandments.

‘*God said*’ occurs in vss 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, and 29. This is the way he brings all things into existence.

The approval formula (*it was good*) is found in vss 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, and 31.

: 4 *And God separated the light from the darkness.* Note the occurrences of separation in this chapter. Later God separates Israel for himself, and later still, separates the church to be the bride for his Son.

: 5 *And there was evening and there was morning, the (a) first day.* Here we are introduced to the days of creation, leading up to the 7th day, the Sabbath.

The term ‘day’ connotes a 24-hour period. Ps 90:4 says: *For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.* But we should not use this to fudge the meaning of day in Genesis.

: 6-8 Heaven (the sky) is created, and is separated from the waters. This is the second day.

: 9-10 The dry land rises out of the seas and is named ‘Earth’ by God. Ps 24:1-2 *The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.*

: 11-13 Vegetation appears on earth by God's command. Evolutionists would argue that this happened spontaneously and by chance, without any intelligent input. The pagans in Moses day attributed the presence of life to the action of the gods in their pantheon. Moses affirms that God is the creator. This completes the third day.

: 14-19 The stars and planets are put in place. Note that the words 'sun' and 'moon' are not used, probably because of the pagan worship of them. The pagan nations worshiped the sun, moon and stars, and considered them to be gods. Here Moses is strongly asserting that they are only created bodies, created by the true God, the God of Israel. This is the first time that night and day, as we know them, are measurable. The fourth day is now complete.

: 20-23 All the living animals, birds and insects, etc. are spoken into being. The specific reference to 'sea creatures' or 'sea monsters' is interesting. The pagans worshiped various sea monsters and snakes and crocodiles as gods. Again Moses is saying that they are only created beings, and therefore, God alone is God. God blesses the living creatures saying: *Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.* The fifth day is done.

: 24-25 God speaks and domestic animals, small animals (creeping things), and wild animals (beasts of the earth) are created. Everything is now readied for man to appear on the earth.

The Problem with Evolution as a Philosophy and Theology

Evolutionary Science has used evolution as proof that there is no God, and that the universe and mankind are the result of random forces acting over eons of time. This philosophy is used to avoid moral accountability.

Jean Paul Sartre said that since we cannot know who we are, where we came from, and where we are going; since we do not understand the past and have no hope of the future, then the present throbbing moment is all that matters. Only what we realize in the immediate present is significant and has meaning. Distant goals have no validity. Therefore, to sacrifice the present for the future is nonsensical and stupid. The pleasure of the moment is the only rational goal of existence. This is the essence of Existentialism.

The Problem with Evolution as Science

Evolution as Darwin presented it is impossible. Darwin was limited in his ability to see inside the cell. Therefore, the cell looked like a little bit of protoplasm, and nothing more. However, now that we can see the complex machinery that makes up the inside of even the simplest organism, we realize that it could not have developed by the forces of time and chance alone.

Michael Behe, in his book *Darwin's Black Box*, presents the concept of **irreducible complexity**. Using the example of a mousetrap he shows that so many complex elements had to be assembled simultaneously that the Darwinian mechanism could not account for the first living organism. Evolution may explain certain changes after life was first created, but it cannot account for the first life form.

Along with Phillip Johnson, John Polkinghorne, William Dembski, Michael Denton, and now countless other authors, Michael Behe has become a major spokesman for the science of **Intelligent Design**.

The Problem with Creation as a Philosophy and Theology

If the universe had a beginning, and therefore was created, then there must be a first cause or a creator. And if there is a creator, then there may be a purpose for the universe. And if there is a creator and a purpose, then we as rational beings may be accountable to the creator. This leads to moral accountability. The Bible tells us who the Creator is, that there is a purpose in creation, and gives us the guidelines for moral accountability.

Paul E. Billheimer in his book *Destined for the Throne* says that “the one purpose of the universe from all eternity is the production and preparation of an Eternal Companion for the Son, called the Bride, the Lamb’s Wife...The average historian has no clue to **11**

the meaning of history because he ignores the only infallible source book, the Bible...There is only one philosophy of history that makes sense and that is the Biblical philosophy.

“To locate the center of history one must bypass all [the] vast empires and glittering names associated with them and find his way to a tiny land called the navel of the earth, the geographical center of the world. And in that tiny land is a tiny hill called Calvary, where two thousand years ago a Man named Jesus was lifted up to die. And this writer submits that that tiny hill in that tiny land is the center of all history, not only of this world, but [also] of all the countless galaxies and island universes of outer space from eternity to eternity.

“The universe, including this planet was created for one purpose: to provide a suitable habitation for the human race. The human race was created in the image and likeness of God for one purpose: to provide an eternal companion for the Son...And the Messiah came for one intent and only one: to give birth to His Church, thus to obtain His Bride. The Church, then – the called-out body of redeemed mankind – turns out to be the central object, the goal, not only of mundane history but of all that God has been doing in all realms, from all eternity.

“This was the glorious truth revealed to Paul when he wrote: ‘We know that all things [the entire cosmos] work together [are cooperating] for good to them that love God [the Church], to them who are the called according to his purpose [the Bride]’ (Rom 8:28).”

The Problem with Intelligent Design as Science

As far as I am concerned, there is no problem with Intelligent Design. That is what the Bible teaches, and that is what logic tells us. In every area of inquiry, we can differentiate something that is designed from something that is the product of random forces. When you look at a watch, you know it was designed. When you looked at the Old Man of the Mountain in New Hampshire you know that it was a fortuitous result of random forces.

Therefore, the only problem with Intelligent Design is that it challenges the worldview of the atheists and secularists of our day. They have no scientific or logical defense against it, and therefore they have to oppose it in the courts of the land, rather than the laboratories of our universities. This is similar to the use of the legal system by the church in Galileo’s day to oppose his cosmology.

We will go to the creation of man next week.