

A Worldview in Touch with Reality: Part One
(Genesis 1-2)

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). What a profound statement that Genesis 1:1 makes. It explains the beginning of the universe, and it is a theological treatise that lays the foundation of all that is. The implications of this one verse is far reaching, and on this theologians agree. Oh the simplicity, and at the same time the depth, of “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

Recognizing God as creator is essential to a worldview that is true and in touch with reality. In fact, all other worldview could never explain life. One writer stated that all other worldviews “... are essentially exercises in insanity.”

The first chapter of Genesis shows how that God fashioned the world He made into a place of habitation. You will find in this chapter several phrases repeated: “Let there be,” “and there was,” “that it was good,” “and the evening and the morning.”

On the first three days, God made the world ready for its inhabitants. He “divided the light from the darkness” on day one (1:4), “made the firmament” and “divided the waters” on day two (1:7), and made “dry land appear” (1:9) and “bring forth grass” on day three (1:11).

On the last three days, God created the inhabitants. On day four He created “lights in the firmament” (1:14). On day five He “created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly,” and “every winged fowl” (1:21). On day six God made “the beast of the earth” (1:24, 25), and then, on the last part of day six, “God said, Let us make man” (1:26).

God’s greatest creative work took place at the end of the sixth day of creation. On that day, the triune God made man in His image and His likeness (1:26). Now it’s interesting to note that after God had finished making everything else besides the first humans, He “saw that it was good” (1:25). However, after God had finished creating Adam and Eve, God saw that everything was “very good” (1:31).

Therefore, it noteworthy to understand that every human has worth in God’s eyes because they are in the image of God. They should not be murdered (9:6) or cursed (James 3:9). But an evolutionary model leaves man as a product of chance with no real value. Therefore, an evolutionist does not have a basis for saying murder or even hatred is wrong. Without God, any standard of right and wrong is arbitrary and relative at best.

Creationism on the other hand however, teaches both the inherent worth of man and woman because both are made in the image of God (1:27).

Genesis 2 closes with a statement that's dear to the heart of God, and should be dear to the heart of every Christian. "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (2:23-24).

God ordained marriage as the most lasting of human relationships. The man leaves his parents to marry the woman and form a new family unit. God's original place for marriage was the union of one man and one woman, but humanity has so distorted God's plan that even Christians compromise their convictions as if there is no retribution.

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