

**“Maker of Heaven and Earth”**  
*Psalm 148:1-14, page 617/559*

**Introduction:**

1. The first eleven words of Genesis set the stage for the entire Bible and everything we know about life.
2. This subject has inspired people to write volumes in an attempt to prove or disprove these words recorded in Genesis 1:1.
3. Every society and people groups in the world have developed their concept of how we got here and when it all began.
4. I suspect every person here today has given serious thought to the following questions:
  - A. How do I make any sense out of this thing we call life?
  - B. Do I really believe God created the heavens and earth?
  - C. Do I really believe God created Adam out of dust?
  - D. How do I balance science and religion?
5. These questions lead to three important questions for us to consider this morning:

**I. Why does our world exist?**

- A. I believe every individual is born asking the “why” question.
- B. Every two year old, as they begin to understand words and develop their own vocabulary, uses the “why” word often.
  1. Go and wash your hands. Why?
  2. Eat your food. Why?
  3. Do not go in the road. Why?
  4. It is time to go to bed. Why?
- C. We never outgrow our use of the “why” word.
  1. Why is this happening to me?
  2. Why did you do that?
  3. Why did they have to die?
- D. This brings us back to our main question today: Why does our world exist, and why am I here?
- E. There appears to be two major conflicting answers to this question:
  1. God created/made heaven and earth.
  2. Evolution, which teaches that it all began with a single cell/organism and developed into our world today.
- F. These two answers are very different:
  1. Master plan of divine creator.
  2. Random evolution/selection required to adapt to a changing environment.
- G. We have already considered the importance of the Bible and why we believe in God.
- H. The same reason and logic must be applied to the question: “Why am I here?”
- I. If we leave God out of creation (especially the creation of the human race):
  1. God did not breathe life into Adam—then life is based on chance and void of purpose.
  2. If God does not exist to provide guidance and counsel to us—then we are totally responsible for all of our actions.
  3. There is no such thing as judgment or discipline from God—live life as you please.
  4. If life after death does not exist—then there is value to the old saying: “Eat, drink, and be merry because tomorrow we die.”
  5. There is no heaven or hell.
- J. If we believe God is the author and creator of all things, the exact opposite of the above theory is true.
  1. We are eternal beings with a divine purpose.
  2. God desires to give us guidance and counsel.
  3. There will be a final judgment.
  4. It is very important that we live a disciplined Christian life.
  5. There is a heaven and hell.
- K. We must decide what we believe and then be ready to accept the final result of our personal belief.

**II. When did our world begin?**

- A. When was the heaven, earth, and universe created?
- B. It is very interesting when people attempt to set a timetable for our world and life.
  1. 100 million years ago our world was experiencing evolution/change that developed into our world today.
  2. Six thousand years ago God created the world and life as we know it today.

3. Not even one of the people making these assumptions was alive and experienced the events they are describing.
4. Some say creation is simply a theory, which also means evolution is also a theory.
- C. If we had all the right facts, we could provide the correct answer!
- D. Is it possible to blend creation and evolution together and find the correct answer?
  1. Not in its purest form.
  2. Evolution that rejects God in the process of creation is not acceptable to me.
  3. Creation that rejects any and all evolution within the various species is not acceptable to me.
- E. If we had all the facts concerning creation (the beginning), it would make perfect sense to us.
  1. I do not believe that scientific evidence proves the Bible wrong.
  2. I believe the Bible simply does not explain everything to us.
- F. For example:
  1. *Genesis 1:2: "The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."*
  2. Why would God create the earth in this chaotic form?
  3. Dr. Wilbur Williams: "
    - a. "One theory as to how God could have created our world much earlier than six thousand years ago takes Genesis 1:1 as separated in time from the remainder of the chapter by a gap of undetermined length. This view is strengthened by the description that God's **first day** did not end at 1:5, where the Hebrew, translated literally, has 'One Day,' or 'Day One.' It rather ends at 1:1, where we are told that **God created the heavens and the earth** in a completed, orderly form."
    - b. "If God created a perfect heaven and earth on the first day (Gen. 1:1), then was Satan, after failing to take over heaven, 'hurled to the earth, and his angels with him' (Revelation 12:7-9)? And did this cause a destructive disorder to occur? One theory holds that after a great gap of undetermined time God reconstituted the world, as described in Genesis 1:2 through 2:1-2, which had been caused by Satan's fall to become **formless and empty.**"
- G. We will never, in this life, be able to prove when the world began.

### III. **Where is our world going?**

- A. Where will it all end for us?
  1. Is this life all there is for us?
  2. When death becomes a reality, is that the end?
- B. We cannot prove life after death and explain in detail what that life will be like.
- C. I believe, however, in the Bible as God's Word to us.
  1. The Bible talks often about paradise and heaven.
  2. Jesus told the thief crucified with Him: "Today you will be with me in paradise."
- D. The apostle John describes heaven in the New Testament:
  1. *John 14:1-3: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*
  2. *Revelation 21:1: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea."*
- E. Can we prove these things? No. It requires faith!

### **Conclusion:**

1. Could all our logic and reasoning that supports our belief in God as the author of all created things be wrong?
  - A. Maybe.
  - B. Time will reveal if we are right or wrong.
2. Even if we are proven wrong at the end of life, our belief in God, creation, the Bible, and Christian living has been the right way to live!
3. If we are proven right concerning God, the Bible, and creation, our eternal blessings will be a great reward for our belief and faith.
4. I believe in the Bible, God, and divine creation because it makes perfect sense to me as I live my life here on earth.
5. A personal faith and belief in a living God makes far more sense to me than a personal faith and belief in evolution that leaves everything to chance and natural selection.