

LESSON FIVE

THE CREATOR AND GIVER
OF ALL LIFE

A. GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE:

Scriptural References:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3).

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Hebrews 11:3).

The universe did not exist from eternity, nor was it made from existing matter. It did not proceed as an emanation from the infinite but was summoned into being by the decree of God. The true record of creation is given in the first chapter of Genesis. Evolution as taught in our schools is a false theory, which cannot be proven, and is aimed at destroying the faith in God's Word. God spoke the world into being and created from that which does not appear.

It is not necessary for us to understand just how God brought the universe into being. It is quite sufficient for us to know that God did it. We do know that He created by the power of His word. He spoke and it happened. On the first day, God said, "Let there be light." Immediately there was light although the sun was not created until the fourth day.

B. EVOLUTION IS A FALSE UNPROVEN THEORY:

A generation of agnostics and unbelievers has been raised because evolution has been taught in our schools as a scientific fact. Evolution cannot be proven and is not according to true science. It leads man up a dead-end street and leaves him dangling in the air.

Undoubtedly many of the problems facing mankind today are directly due to this diabolical means of destroying man's faith while he is still but a child attending school.

Evolution makes man to be on the same level morally and spiritually as the beasts of the field. It makes man to be only an accident of nature. It robs man of spiritual values and leaves him without any purpose, direction, or eternal goal. It offers him no reason for his existence.

Students at school or college where they have to pass examinations of this false theory should answer the questions regarding evolution thus: Science claims that... The theory of evolution is... They should never put down their answer as being a true fact.

C. GOD SUSTAINS THE UNIVERSE:

Scriptural References:

"These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season" (Psalm 104:27).

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Colossians 1:17).

"... Upholding all things by the word of his power..." (Hebrews 1:3).

God did not create the universe and then let it run itself without any direction or supervision from Himself. God carefully watches over every detail of the universe and fully sustains it.

1. All things are held together by Him; if not, this old world would go to pieces quickly. Not blind chance, but a personal God is at the helm.
2. The physical supplies for all God's creatures are in His hand; He feeds them all.
3. God has His hand in history, guiding and shaping the affairs of nations.
4. God's care is described with great detail: The sparrows, the lilies, and the hairs of the head, the tears of His children.

D. JESUS CHRIST IS THE CREATOR:

Scriptural References:

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3).

"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not" (John 1:10).

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (Colossians 1:16).

"... Upholding all things by the word of his power..." (Hebrews 1:3).

"These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God" (Revelation 3:14).

The fact that Jesus Christ is the Creator is conclusively proven by the testimony of the Scriptures. There is no room for any doubt concerning this glorious truth.

Are there two Creators? What does it mean when it says, "And God said, Let there be light," and in Hebrews it reads, "Upholding all things by the word of his power?" There can be only one conclusion: Jesus Christ of the New Testament is Jehovah of the Old Testament. Jesus Christ is the Creator, the One who spoke the universe into being.

Many people interpret incorrectly the statement, "The beginning of the creation of God." It is claimed that God first created the son and then the son created all other things. This is absolutely incorrect. Jesus is both God and man. As God He is the great Creator; as man He is the begotten Son. He never was either a created son or an eternal son.

This verse of Scripture reads thus in the Amplified New Testament, "These are the words of the Amen, the trust and faithful and true Witness, the Origin and Beginning and Author of God's creation." This clearly brings out the truth that Jesus is the "ORIGIN" and "AUTHOR" of creation. What could be plainer than this?

E. JESUS CHRIST IS THE SOURCE AND GIVER OF ALL LIFE:

Scriptural References:

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4).

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life" (John 11:25).

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

"For in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

In every seed, every plant and tree, every creature, and every man there is that mystical and wonderful element called life. Scientists may make seawater with exactly the same chemical constituents as the water taken from the sea but there is something lacking which man cannot create. It is that something which makes the great difference between that which is living and that which is dead. Only God can give that spark of energy, which we would define as "LIFE."

All life comes forth from God. "In Him we live, and move, and have our being." This is true of natural life; it is especially true of spiritual and eternal life. Apart from Jesus there is no life.

Those ignorant people who make the foolish statement that God is dead do not know what they are saying. If God were dead then all life would immediately cease. The moment God died this planet Earth would become a barren lifeless wilderness.

This fact, of course, is especially true spiritually. There is no possibility of any man receiving Eternal Life apart from Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

F. DID GOD CREATE EVIL?

Scriptural Reference:

"I Form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil; I the Lord do all these things" (Isaiah 45:7).

God said, "I create darkness . . . create evil." Since this is in the Word of God there can be no denial of this fact. It remains only for us to understand it. How could a holy God create evil? How could a God in whom there is not a shadow create darkness?

The explanation may appear to be difficult but actually it is very simple. When we consider going "UP," we immediately must consider going "down." The "UP" would be meaningless if there were no "down." Likewise "east" would be meaningless without a "west." How could you understand "Truth" if there were no "Error?"

When God created light it immediately brought into being the absence of light which is called darkness. When God created holiness and righteousness, it immediately brought into being the absence of these qualities, which could be called evil. When righteousness was created immediately was established its opposite; its antonym. The absence of righteousness would be the creation of evil.

COURSE: BIBLE DOCTRINE I

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SELF HELP TEST

- A. Explain how the teaching of evolution in our schools is so harmful.
- B. Explain how Christian students in our schools should handle the question of evolution.
- C. Write a clear explanation of Isaiah 45:7.

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