

## God the Creator

The major philosophy that opposes the fact that God is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and all that are in them is the idea of The Big Bang theory and evolution. If evolution were true then we would have no intrinsic value at all as we'd be merely objects of an impersonal force. However, knowing that we are created by a loving God gives a different perspective on life.

Genesis 1:1-2 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

### 1) God the Creator

- The Bible doesn't try to prove that God is the Creator, but merely states it as a fact.
  - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- He created all things by His spoken Word
  - And God said, "Let there be..." (Genesis 1: 3 – 26)
  - Psalms 33:6-9 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
- Jesus was the Word of God through whom all things were created
  - John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
  - Colossians 1:15-16 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
  - Hebrews 1:1-3 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.
- The Holy Spirit was involved in creation
  - Genesis 1:2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
  - Job 26:13 By his wind the heavens were made fair.
  - Psalms 104:30 When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.
- We have then seen that it's the Trinity – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the entirety of God that created all things.
- All things were created by the intention of God and nothing and nobody was a mistake.
  - Revelation 4:11 Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

### 2) The value of life

- All things having been created by God according to His will – He wanted everything that He has made – then that puts an intrinsic value on all of creation.
- At the end of each day of creation we read "And God saw that it was good".
  - Genesis 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.
  - By calling everything good, and after man was created, He said very good, means that all of creation was just as He intended it to be in design and functionality and He was fully satisfied with His creation.
  - By calling everything very good God gave everything its intrinsic value

- The value of life is in what God calls good and not we want it to be
  - God created man and woman in His image and likeness and it's in the way that He created them that He's pleased with them
  - Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
  - Any distortion of man and women by transgenderism, homosexuality, cross-dressing, etc., is a distortion of the image and likeness of God, which angers Him.
- God values all people of all races as He created all.
  - Racism and discrimination on the basis of race or ethnicity not only dehumanises people, but contravenes the value set on the people whom He has created causing us to dishonour Him by doing so.
- The value of human life begins in the womb where God knit us together
  - Psalms 139:13-16 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.
  - God hates abortion as abortion kills what God values in the womb.
- God values all of His creation and intends us to value and care for it as well
  - Genesis 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.
  - The Hebrew word to work it is abad, which means to work or serve. The word for keep is shamar, which means to keep, guard, or preserve it.
  - In other words, God intended us to be good stewards and caretakers of His creation and not to exploit it.
- Creation reveals the glory of God
  - Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
  - Romans 1:20 His invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

### 3) Worshipping the Creator

- Understanding God as Creator always leads us to worship Him knowing that He is above all and all things exist because of Him, and without Him nothing would exist, including us
- God doesn't want us to worship what was created, but to see Him through what was created that we may worship Him and Him alone
  - Romans 1:22-25 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonouring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.
  - It is clear that our worship, who we worship, determines the lives we live.
  - Worshipping creation puts creation at the centre of our lives and that determines our morality.
  - Worshipping the Creator puts Him at the centre of our lives and thus our lives are lived out in obedience to Him in ways that are pleasing to Him.
- Worshipping God the Creator we value what He values, hate what He hates, and all things are put into this perspective.