

## THE DESIGN OF CREATION

### Int.

1. Aim: To discuss the creation account and show that God had planned it with such design that it proves His Deity.
2. **Gen. 1:1** "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
3. We want to prove the existence of God by arguing that there was design in creation
  - a. This is called the "teleological argument" - "Teleology represents a basic argument for the existence of God, in that the order and efficiency of the natural world seem not to be accidental. If the world design is intelligent, an ultimate Designer must exist. [Microsoft® Encarta® Encyclopedia 2002. © 1993-2001 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.]
  - b. The design of the universe proves that there had to be a designer - God!
4. Everything designed has a designer
  - a. A watch requires a watch-maker. The design is so complicated that it would be illogical and unreasonable to believe that the parts of such a timepiece could come together by chance so that the watch could start running and serving its purpose without any planning.
  - b. Cars have many intelligent designs. Windshield wipers. Automatically get faster when it rains harder. Slows down when it slacks up raining. How did this happen? Some human designed this.
5. The millions and millions of designs characteristic of our marvelous universe declare an ultimate designer.
6. Heb. 11:3 "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."
7. Notice the design of creation. In the Universe, in animals and in Man

## Discussion

### I. THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF CREATION

A. Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

1. Science states that there are five fundamentals of science  
(1) Time (2) Force (3) Action (4) Space (5) Matter
2. Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."  
  - (1) Time (Beginning),
  - (2) Force (God),
  - (3) Action (Created),
  - (4) Space (the Heavens),
  - (5) and Matter (the Earth).

B. Gen. 1:1-19 - God brought into existence all things by His Word

1. Day one = light 1:1-5
2. Day two = firmament - atmosphere - 1:6-8
3. Day three = dry land and ocean - grass and trees - 1:9-13
4. Day four = sun, moon and stars - 1:14-19

C. The universe was designed by God

1. The word "Universe" means "The totality of existing or created things, including the earth, the heavenly bodies, and all else through space; the cosmos or macrocosm; all creation; the whole world; mankind generally"
  - a. Uni = means one or single - There is unity in all of the things of the universe
  - b. This demands design and a designer = God
2. Astronomers estimate that there are about 125 billion galaxies in the universe.

3. Modern astronomers believe there are more than  $1 \times 10^{22}$  stars in the universe (this number is very large, a 1 followed by 22 zeros). [Microsoft® Encarta® Encyclopedia 2002.

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4. Our own galaxy is called the **Milky Way**
  - a. It is over 100,000 light years in diameter
  - b. Light travels at  $5.87 \times 10$  to the 12<sup>th</sup> power = 587 quadrillion miles
  - c. Our nearest neighbor, the *Andromeda Galaxy*, is over 750,000 light years away. That is  $4.4 \times 10$  to the 18<sup>th</sup> power
5. God designed all of these and created them - they could not have just come into existence by themselves.

#### D. The Earth

1. The earth is actually our great space ship which, which we are riding in orbit around the sun
2. We are traveling at the speed of 19 miles per second or 68,400 miles per hour
3. At the same time the earth is rotating upon its axis at the speed of 1000 miles per hour [ at the equator]
4. There is such precision in all of this that the earth will sustain exactly the same relationship [or location] to the sun one year from this moment that it does right now. It will not be one second ahead of schedule or it will not be one second behind schedule.
5. Our all wise all powerful God created this earth as a part of the universe.
6. Psalms 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

7. "The earth is a sphere poised in free space. It rotates on its polar axis once each twenty—four hours to produce the alternation of day and night and revolves around the sun annually. It is tilted at an angle of twenty—three degrees and is ninety— three million miles [93,000,000] from the sun and about two hundred and forty thousand miles from the moon. None of these things is by mere chance; all are by design. If the earth were not tilted on its axis the water vapor from the oceans would go to the north and south poles, condense and pile up as mountains of ice. If the earth rotated much slower than it does at present half of the world would be roasted by the constant heat from the sun while the other half froze because of its removal from the sun's rays. If the moon were only one— fifth of its present distance from the earth the tides would sweep over the tops of earth's highest mountains."
  
8. Truly, as the prophet Isaiah said, God did not make the world a waste but created it to be inhabited by man (Isa.45:18) "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else."
  
9. Temperature of the Sun.
  - a. The temperature of the outer, visible part of the Sun is 5510°C (9950°F).  
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  - b. The sun is so large that if it were hollow 1 million earths could fit inside it.
  - c. We are just the right distance away 93,000,000 miles away and it takes about 8 minutes for the light of the Sun to reach the earth.

- d. If the earth's temperature were an average of 50 degrees hotter or colder, life on earth could not exist.
- e. Why is the temperature of the sun not higher, or lower?
- f. Why is the earth placed where it is relative to the sun?
- g. Why not 50,000,000 miles or 200,000,000 miles away? Instead of 93 million
- h. Because life could not exist here on this earth!
- i. Was this by chance or designed by a loving intelligent God?

10. God designed the planet earth to support life.

- a. Without life this earth would be just another planetary emptiness.
- b. Why life? Because God wants us to love and glorify him so that he can bless us beyond our wildest imaginations !

E. Heb. 3:3-4 "For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God."

- 1. The man who builds a house has more honor than the house
- 2. God's activities in creating the universe show that he is due more honor than the Universe He created !

F. There is design in the creation of the universe:

- 1. The universe is "fine-tuned" in such a way that is impossible to say that it simply popped into existence out of nothing.
- 2. The idea that there was a Big Bang and then it all become organized and everything was so precise is absurd

3. One writer said about the universe and the earth and all the order indicates that  
"We are truly meant to be here."
4. Another man discussed the possibility that the universe seems to have been  
"tailor-made" for man.
5. In 1995 a NASA astronomer John O'Keefe stated: " ...If the universe had not  
been made with the most exacting precision we could never have come into  
existence. It is my view that these circumstances indicate the universe was  
created for man to live in."<sup>1</sup>
- G. PS 102:25 "Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are  
the work of thy hands."
- H. At the conclusion of day four, earth is now a fit home for animal life

## **II. THE LAST TWO DAYS OF CREATION SHOW DESIGN**

- A. Gen. 1:20-31
  1. Day Five = fish, birds - 1:20-23
  2. Day Six = animals and man - 1:24-31
    - a. Mammals - land animals
    - b. The earth is now ready for the crowning glory of all creation - humankind !
    - c. "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." - male and female - Adam  
and Eve
  3. V. 31a "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."

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<sup>1</sup> Gleanings from the Pentateuch "The Creation Week" by Bert Thompson - P.170-172

B. Animals show the design of an intelligent creator

1. Bees outsmart Scientists - [ See article at end ]
2. The way that eggs hatch shows design - Bees and Birds
  - a. The sparrow egg hatches in 14 days
  - b. The Hen egg hatches in 21 days
  - c. The Eagle egg in 35 days
  - d. The parrot egg hatches in 42 days
  - e. Snake eggs in 49 days - reptile
  - f. Each hatches in a multiple of 7 days
3. The hind legs of an elephant bend forward while the legs of other quadrupeds bend backward. Why? The elephant could not raise his body on two legs and therefore he uses all four at the same time.
  - a. Evolution = NO
  - b. Creation = YES

C. Design in the human body shows that there was a designer

1. The eye compared to a camera

<u>The Eye</u>	<u>The Camera</u>
Eyelid	Lens cover
Lens	Lens
Close-up	Close-up
Wide - angle	Wide angle
Telephoto	Telephoto
Ciliary muscle lens	Autofocus
Iris pupil	Light meter
Retina	Film
Rods	Black and White
Cones	Color
Brian	Processing

- a. Eye is comparable to the camera - page 189
- b. Yet the eye is infinitely more complex than any man-made camera
  - (1) It can handle 1.5 million simultaneous messages
  - (2) The retina covers less than a square inch, and contains 137 million light sensitive receptor cells, 130 million rods [allowing the eye to see in black and white] and 7 million cones allowing the eye to see in color
  - (3) The eye is self-cleaning - lacrimal glands produce secretions [tears] to flush away the dust and other foreign materials. The eyelids act as windshield washers.
- c. We are asked to believe that these functions of the eye have been formed through eons of time by processes of natural selection and genetic mutations.
  - (1) But the camera [ which is much inferior to the eye] was obviously designed by intelligence.
  - (2) The human eye is far more complex than the camera and yet many say it exhibits no design, planning or purpose.
  - (3) The marvelous instrument called the eye shows that an intelligent almighty God designed and created it for us.
- d. PS 139:14 "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

## 2. Hand or foot

- a. When we lose a hand or foot through disease or accident we can get a replacement called a prosthesis
- b. But the prosthetic foot/hand cannot exactly duplicate the original.
- c. But all would recognize that the clumsy prosthesis had a designer.
- d. But the human hand/foot is much more complex and works so much better is also the result of a designer.

## Conclusion

1. You do not have a poem without a poet, a law without a lawgiver, a painting without a painter, a watch without a watchmaker, or design without a designer.
2. The design which relates to the universe inherently involves law
  - a. The scientist does not make these laws - he discovers them
  - b. Newton did not make the "law of gravity" he discovered it
  - c. Mendel didn't make the "law of genetics" he discovered it.
  - d. But there is no law without a lawgiver
3. Everything designed has a designer !
4. The universe and all things therein demonstrate design - this implies there was a designer with intelligence.
  - a. God is the almighty all-wise being who created all things.
  - b. Ps. 33:8-9 "Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast."
  - c. Ps. 148:5 "Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created."

5. Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."
6. There is evidence of design in the universe, with the precision of all the heavenly bodies working together in an orderly fashion.
7. God knew that man would sin. So he planned for the salvation of man
  - a. Eph. 1:3-4 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:"
  - b. God designed the plan, sent the man [Christ] and provided our redemption.
  - c. Gal. 4:4 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,"
  - d. This design also proves there is a God
8. His Plan - H.B.R.C.B. = Salvation
9. We must live for him faithfully all the days of our life and He has promised a heavenly home with Him.
10. There is a God in Heaven.

## **Bees Outsmart Scientists**

Scientists have long recognized that bees are intelligent creatures. At the same time they believe that this intelligence is the product of millions of years of natural selection. The extremely fast learning ability of the bee either puts in doubt the millions of years or shows the hand of the Creator.

Researchers at Princeton University decided to find out whether bees were smart enough to find their food source if it was moved. The researchers moved the prime food source 50 meters farther away from the hive. They found that it took the bees less than one minute to locate the moved source. Being precise scientists, they then moved the food source another fifty meters away. The bees still took less than a minute to find the food source. Two more moves, each a precise 50 meters, produced the same results.

However, the bees had also been studying the researchers. Before the researchers could finish moving the food source yet another fifty meters, they found that the bees had discovered the pattern and were already waiting at the new location!

God is our Creator and He has cleverly left the evidence of His Handiwork - His fingerprints if you will - in the creation itself. For those who have eyes to see, this fills us with wonder and, yes, with love for the Creator God who first loved us.

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