

Why Did God Create The Universe?

'This is the history of the heavens and of the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens ...' (Genesis 2:4).

'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was void and darkness covered the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters ... (verse 6) God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters that are below from the waters that are above." God made the expanse and separated the waters which were under the expanse, from the waters which were above the expanse. God called the expanse Heavens ... God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered into one place (the oceans), and let the dry land appear." And it was so ... (verse 14) God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be signs for seasons, days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." God made the two great lights; the greater light (the sun) to rule the day, and the lesser light (the moon) to rule the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light to the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness, and God saw that it was good (Genesis 1:1 to 18) ... Thus the heavens and the earth were finished' (Genesis 2:1).

Concentrating on our universe, in this order, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, created the earth out of water (2 Peter 3:5). At that time, the earth was without form, was an empty waste and completely dark (Genesis 1:2). They spoke light into existence. (Scientists now know light is a tangible item and is instant.) From there, everything else was created; the expanse – the sky; our atmosphere, then They spoke and dry land appeared. After that They created all plants, trees and vegetation. Then our galaxy was created; after that the fish, then the birds, then the livestock, then reptiles (including dinosaurs) and wild animals. The last thing created was mankind (Genesis 1:26 & 27). The whole purpose of the creation of our universe is for mankind's existence. There is no other reason for it. God created the earth – and only the earth – to be inhabited by humans. 'For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, God Himself, Who formed the earth and made it, Who established it and did not create it to be a waste; He formed it to be inhabited. "I am the Lord, and there is no other" (Isaiah 45:18). There is no life on other planets because God made earth to be inhabited by people.

Evolutionists and scientists think they are so clever discovering water and ice on other planets, but the Bible told us that thousands of years ago (Genesis 1:6 & 7; Psalm 148:4). 'God appointed the moon for (the four) seasons' (Psalm 104:19). God appointed the time for rain and harvest (Jeremiah 5:24; Ezekiel 34:26). For thousands of years people thought the earth was flat, but thousands of years ago, the Bible said the earth is a circle and hangs on nothing (Job 26:7; Isaiah 40:22). Scientists know very little; but God knows everything and gives us information about the earth and the universe through His Word.

Before Jesus was born on earth, He was busy working with God the Father and the Holy Spirit Who is called the Spirit of God (Genesis 1:2). 'All things were created through Him; and without Him was not one thing made that has come into being' (John 1:3). 'For it was by Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth ... all things were created through Him and in Him and for Him. He was before all things existed and in Him all things are held together' (Colossians 1:16 & 17). Everything that was created was done in preparation for Adam's creation. Mankind was the last thing created – after everything else was made perfectly, just for us. The angels did not need earth; the cherubim did not need earth – it was made so we humans would have somewhere to live in preparation for the creation of the Kingdom of God. Without mankind on Planet Earth, the creation served no purpose, and we notice the Lord did not turn the empty watery void into a liveable place until it was needed. After the sky, sun, moon, stars, planets, seasons, animals, birds and plants were created, there was no spiritual element in any of it until the Lord created Adam and breathed His Spirit into him. Only then did the spiritual reality of creation become evident and the creation of mankind was elevated to being the children of God the Father, and thus the Lord had begun building the Kingdom of God. Making our transformation from a lifeless flesh and blood body to a living spiritual being, thus bringing the Spirit of God to earth, was a phenomenal event. That has happened only once ever in the whole of history, and will never be repeated. When we make the Lord our King and accept His dominion over us, we give meaning and purpose to the creation of the entire universe. When we become faithful servants within the Kingdom of God, we give real purpose to the existence of creation.

When a couple plan to have a family, before the first child is born, the couple usually prepare their lives to provide for their family. They decide where to live so the child will have a home. They often decide how many children to have so their first child will have a companion. They set up a nursery, buy baby furniture, clothing and toys, buy bottles to feed them and other things babies need. The parents decide on what education their child will receive. By the time the baby arrives, everything is usually in place and ready. That is exactly what the Lord did before Adam was created. The Lord created a home – a perfect earth. He created the ‘nursery’ – the Garden of Eden. The Lord created ‘toys’ so Adam would have something to do – the garden to tend and animals to name. The Lord created food for His child – plants, fruit and vegetables. God Himself educated Adam and taught him what he needed to know about life. The Lord wanted another child for a companion for Adam so He created Eve. When Adam and Eve needed clothing, God provided that too. Everything mankind needs can be found here on earth. We do not need to travel to other planets to find what we need because God created earth and everything on it for us. Everything we need is right here at our fingertips.

When Adam and Eve fell from grace, the building the Kingdom of God was not stopped. God just took another path. He created mankind for the Kingdom of God and He has never changed His mind. ‘I will not be angry forever, for the spirit of man would be consumed before Me, and My purpose in creating the souls of men would be frustrated’ (Isaiah 57:16). The Lord created the earth for His purposes, and when His purpose is fulfilled, He will bring the earth to a complete end – to the point where it will no longer exist. The earth and the whole universe will one day pass away and be burned by the fire of the Lord, Who is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29). ‘Their silver and their gold will not be able to save them in the day of the Lord’s wrath; but the whole earth will be consumed in the fire of His jealous wrath, for a full, yes, a sudden and terrible end will He make of all the inhabitants of the earth ... For all the earth shall be consumed with the fire of My jealousy’ (Zephaniah 1:18 then 3:8). ‘For they (the non-believers) wilfully forget this fact: that the heavens and the earth were created long ago, formed out of water, amid water by the Word of God. The world was then deluged by water and perished. But by the same Word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire; being kept until the day of judgement and destruction of the ungodly people ... The Lord does not delay but He is patient, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance. The (Judgement) Day of the Lord will come as (suddenly and as unexpectedly as) a thief in the night, and then the heavens will pass away with a thunderous crash, and the elements of the universe will be dissolved with extreme heat, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up ... While you wait for the coming of the Lord which will cause the flaming heavens to be dissolved and the universe to flare and melt with extreme heat’ (2 Peter 3:5 to 12).

That leads some people to ask the question: Why did God go to all the trouble to create the earth and its inhabitants if He is going to end it all? Why didn’t He just create people to live in heaven, like He created the angels, cherubim and seraphim? The answers to these questions can be found scattered throughout the Bible. God had a purpose (a master plan) for creating the earth and the souls of men, and that purpose is to build His Kingdom and He wants the human race to be part of that Kingdom. ‘To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven’ (Ecclesiastes 3:1). The rebellion of the devil and the wicked behaviour of some of the angels became the purpose of building the Kingdom of God with people. After some of God’s initial creation (the devil and his cohorts) became proud, disobeyed God and left their rightful place in heaven (Isaiah 14:9 to 19; Ezekiel 28:13 to 19), He ordered them out of the highest heaven, to the first heaven and to earth. ‘At one time you were ... following the prince of the power of the air’ (Ephesians 2:2). Where is the air? It is in our atmosphere or first heaven and on earth. The devil and some evil spirits can still freely travel between earth and heaven, and can go and present themselves to God in heaven (Job 1:6 & 7; 2:1 & 2; 1 Samuel 16:14; 1 Kings 22:21 to 23). Some angels are already in a place of darkness and gloom, never to be released (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6). God created the lake of fire for the devil and disobedient angels, but that is where disobedient people will end up for eternity (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 21:8) and they will miss out on the Kingdom of God. After Judgement Day, many thousands of angels, evil spirits and the devil, that have rejected and disobeyed the Lord, will be lost forever in the lake of fire. The lost ones need to be replaced, and that is the purpose of the creation of mankind. The evil spirits and disobedient angels were all lost, long before the Lord began to create our universe. God wanted to create children who would willingly choose to love Him; who would choose to obey Him, and choose Him as their Lord and Father, and would therefore never disobey and leave His side as the others had done. Jesus said, “If you love Me, keep (obey) My commandments.” (John 14:15). The

Holy Spirit, together with committed Christians, are inviting everyone who is listening, and anyone who is thirsty for God, and anyone who wants to, to come and join with us in heaven. Then the Lord will be our God and we will be His children forever. 'The Holy Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let him who is listening say, "Come!" Let everyone who is thirsty, come and whosoever desires to do it, let him come, take, drink of the water of Life without cost' (Revelation 22:17). Jesus said, "To the thirsty I will give water without price from the springs of the water of Life ... and I will be their God and they will be My children" (Revelation 21:6 & 7).

No person, who has experienced the suffering on earth and has been clearly taught the eternal consequences of disobeying God, will ever disobey Him once we finally reach our place in heaven. The angels who left their rightful place obviously didn't take notice when they were warned what would happen to them. Perhaps it was because they were created without sin and did not know suffering so could not comprehend. We can see that in Adam's situation. Eve made light of God's warning when she was told of the consequences of disobeying God (Genesis 2:17; 3:3 to 6). It is because of Adam that mankind is suffering so terribly, is lost and needs saving. Eve was deceived; but it was Adam who disobeyed (1 Timothy 2:14). The Lord Jesus took responsibility for what Adam did, and gave Himself to redeem us and reconcile us with God the Father (1 Corinthians 15:22 & 45). Only the redeemed of earth – committed born-again believers – know and understand fully the consequences of rejecting God. He has been careful to make us unquestionably aware of the eternal consequences of disobedience. This whole scenario is why the Lord created the earth, put everything on it, allowed Adam to sin and bring mankind to ruin, then sent Jesus to redeem us. God the Father does not want any of us humans to be lost forever (2 Peter 3:9), and He does not want us to leave our rightful place, once we are in heaven. God wants us to be with Him, pure and holy, without sin, obedient and in fellowship with the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and with each other (1 John 1:3; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 John 1:7). That is also why He commands total obedience from His children. God's will is done in heaven (Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2), and He expects His people to do His will on earth.

God's purpose of creating then redeeming mankind to have fellowship with Him is not something our human minds can comprehend or understand, and the Lord knows that (Psalm 8:4; 144:3; Isaiah 40:28 to 31). It was all part of His purpose, His master plan from the beginning of the foundation of the world, and the people He foreknew, who would accept His plan for salvation, had their names written in His Book of Life (Psalm 139:16; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 17:8). When we accept the Lord as our Saviour, and have received the seal of the Holy Spirit, His seal is what confirms our salvation that has been promised and what is already written in the Book of Life (2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13).

This all seems to be just a natural world that we live in because that is all we can see, but the whole scenario of earth and heaven is in fact a spiritual one, created by God, Who is Spirit (John 4:24). Born-again believers are filled with the Holy Spirit, and once we are in heaven after the first resurrection, we will have new incorruptible bodies (1 Corinthians 15:52 to 54) and will be like the holy angels, who are holy and obedient spirits (Matthew 22:30). We are told to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh (Romans 8:1 & 4; Galatians 5:16 & 25). Once all the judgements are over, we will not need this old earth any more because God is creating for us, a new earth and a new universe. 'For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth ... The new heavens and the new earth which I make shall remain before Me, says the Lord' (Isaiah 65:17; 66:22). 'We look for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise, in which righteousness dwells' (2 Peter 3:13). 'I (Apostle John) saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former universe and the former earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea' (Revelation 21:1). The new heaven and the new earth that the Lord has created to replace this one, is almost exactly the same as this earth was before Adam sinned, and only the redeemed of earth (genuine believers) will live there. If we study the scriptures written in this text, we will see that this 'natural' world is actually spiritual. All this – the message of the Gospel and the cross of Jesus, is foolishness to the unredeemed or the carnal mind because they are spiritually 'blind', but to believers, it is the manifestation of the power of God leading to our salvation (1 Corinthians 1:18). The unrenewed, nonspiritual natural mind cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God for they are meaningless foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned (1 Corinthians 2:14). That means only the committed believers can understand it because our 'spiritual eyes' have been opened to the spiritual aspect of life on earth (Matthew 13:16 & 17; Luke 24:31).

This whole picture is why evolution and reincarnation cannot possibly be correct. Evolution and

reincarnation take our Lord out of the equation, and that is not possible when we understand God's purpose for creating earth. Only a corrupt fool would say in his heart, "There is no God" (Psalm 14:1; 53:1). How could we have all this beauty on earth without God's creative imagination? The second law of physics, the law of entropy, states simply in unprofessional language, that the universe is slowly becoming less and less well organised. Animals naturally 'devolve', they do not evolve. Unless some power is at work to maintain a system, it will gradually go into decline. That is an established law of physics. That is why evolution cannot work. Evolution and creation are directly opposite. Evolution bristles with inconsistencies and only the unrepentant mind could accept such idiocy. Reincarnation removes the need for repentance and forgiveness by making people think they can do whatever they want and it is okay because they will be able to 'come back' and undo their mistakes. That takes our need for the Lord right out of the picture. Reincarnation and evolution are designed by the devil to take the focus off God, off the second coming of Jesus and the culmination of this age. By focussing on things like evolution, people are looking to saving the planet instead of saving their souls. Cleaning up our environment is good; but saving ones' soul is the most important thing a person can do because it is then saved for eternity. Saving the planet is good but temporary, because the Bible tells us the earth is going to eventually be burned by fire and destroyed – once God's master plan has been fulfilled. God did not promise He would never again destroy the earth. He promised He would never again destroy the earth with a flood, and He gave us the rainbow as a token of the pledge to remember that promise (Genesis 9:11 to 17). The Lord has made it clear He intends to destroy the earth – this time by fire.

When that happens, all non-believers, the ungodly and the disobedient will perish, but the believers who have been obedient to God while on this earth, can look forward to what God has promised us – eternal life with Him. The destruction of the earth will happen in stages. 'The first angel blew his trumpet and there was a storm of hail and fire mingled with blood cast down to earth. One third of the earth burned up, a third of the trees and all the green grass was burned up. The second angel blew his trumpet and something resembling a great mountain, blazing with fire, was hurled into the sea. One third of the sea turned to blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea perished, and a third of the ships were destroyed. The third angel blew his trumpet, and a huge star fell from heaven – burning like a torch – and it dropped on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water – and the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters changed to wormwood and many people died from drinking the water because it had become bitter (toxic). Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was smitten, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that the light of a third of them was darkened and a third of the daylight was withdrawn, and likewise, a third of the light of the night was withdrawn' (Revelation 8:7 to 12).

Why would God do such a thing to His earth, which He so carefully created with purpose? Because of unrepented sin of most of mankind. Sin has corrupted this earth so it has to be cleansed with fire. Souls go to heaven or hell, but the mortal bodies of all dead animals and humans remain buried in the ground or the sea; corrupting the earth. If we remember at the time of creation, Adam and Eve were created with immortal bodies, intended to live forever. When Adam sinned and brought mortal death to the earth, the Lord had to stop him from eating of the Tree of Life so he could not then live forever in his fallen state (Genesis 3:22 to 24). When the Lord burns the earth, He is also going to send mortal death itself, to the second or eternal death in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14). Christians who have repented of their sins need not fear this judgement. It is not for them, but for those who are rebellious against God – those who refuse to obey Him – those who refuse to turn to Him – those who refuse to allow Him to be their God and Father – those who have rejected Jesus, the holy Son of God, Who brought the Kingdom of God to earth when He came. If we reject Jesus while on earth, then God will reject us on Judgement Day! He calls those people wicked! That is the true reality of eternity. 'The wicked are sentenced to suffer just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent cities suffered – which gave themselves over to sexual impurity and sought after homosexuality – are given to us as an example of everlasting fire' (Jude 7). 'They did not repent of their murders or their magic (occult, sorcery, divination etc) or their sexual deviance or their thefts' (Revelation 9:21). 'As for the cowardly, unbelieving, sinners, depraved, those defiled with abominations, murderers, all sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, all liars will have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone (sulphur). This is the second death' (Revelation 21:8). The earth will be destroyed, but not for at least another 1,000 years so there is still 1,000 years of human history yet to happen (Revelation 20:4 to 7). We are seeing history being made all over the earth. Why at this time? Because the Bible said there would be massive changes shortly before Jesus returns. The return of Jesus is one of the secret things revealed to us through the scriptures, that men of old yearned to know about but couldn't understand.

Daniel was told to; "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are sealed till the time of the end" (Daniel 12:9). Even the clearest prophecies only make real sense after the event has taken place. It will be after the new heavens (universe) and the new earth are in place, that we will be able to fully comprehend God's promise of our salvation. We hope this Bible study will help you understand God's purpose for the creation of this universe and how it will all end, making way for the new earth He has created for us.

The Lord saw that everything He had created was good, except for one thing; it was not good for Adam to be alone (Genesis 2:18). He later created Eve from Adam's side. There are some marked differences between Adam and Eve's creation and that of the animals:

- 1: No other creature was made in God's image and likeness.
- 2: No other creature became a living soul like Adam did.
- 3: No other creature was told to have dominion, yet Adam (meaning first man) was given dominion over all of God's creation. Adam was asked by God to name all the animals as God brought them to him.
- 4: No other creature talked with God, but He fellowshiped with Adam immediately after he was created and that fellowship continued until Adam's spiritual death when he sinned.
- 5: None of the animals were placed anywhere special on the earth, but Adam was given the Garden of Eden.
- 6: No other creature walked with God, but Adam walked with God every evening.
- 7: No other creature on the earth was created with a hunger for God, or an awareness of Him.
- 8: No other creature has the knowledge of good and evil.
- 9: No other creature was commanded to do anything except multiply, but Adam was commanded to obey.
- 10: No other creature was given the ability to commune with God and to pray and worship.
- 11: Animals were not given choices, Adam was.
- 12: Animals cannot communicate other than with direct vocal sound, but humans can communicate vocally or with signals, codes, messages via a third party and more recently, via the airwaves.
- 13: No other creature can be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- 14: No other creature was created with the ability to speak with language as humans do.
- 15: No other creature was accepted as the literal children of God the Father.
- 16: No other creature has been sent a Saviour.
- 17: No animal was given creative, artistic, musical or inventive abilities like humans were.
- 18: No animal can co-ordinate themselves as humans can. Animals cannot, for example drive a vehicle, perform gymnastics or organise an event. They act solely on instinct.
- 19: No other creature can sing creatively and with variation. Birds can 'sing' but each species of bird has only its own limited 'song'.
- 20: No other creature was created with the high level of intelligence mankind was. In fact mankind was so intelligent, after humans became fallen beings, the Lord had to pull a veil down over our intellect and wisdom. When we become born-again, the Lord slowly lifts that veil (1 Corinthians 13:12; 2 Corinthians 3:16 & 18).

What all this says is: Human beings are God's greatest creation and He created the whole universe solely for us.

Amen and God bless you.

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