**Explore - 2**

May the people raise you, O God. Then the earth will yield its harvests.

* 1. Creation

Break for Question:

What do you know presently about how the world was created?

Was it taught by someone or something you read?

The work of creation is the first of the opera and extra of the Holy Trinity.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,” and in six days He fashioned them into their present order and beauty.

The source of our knowledge of creation is the Holy Scripture. He reveals to us through His Word divine revelation.

Ex Nihilo

It appears from the account in Genesis first of all, that in the beginning God brought forth the world out of nothing.

Where no matter at all existed, God called into existence all the matter that constitutes the universe. The world is the result of God’s creative act.

Gen 1:1

In the **beginning** **God created** the **heavens** and the **earth**. NKJV

Heb *Bara*: Create

Latin *Exnihilo*: Out of nothing

Amazing **majesty** in one statement

Scientific Theories:

In the b**eginning** – **time**

 *Past Present Future*

**Heaven** – **space**

 *Height Width Depth*

**Earth** – **matter**

 *Solid Liquid Gas*

Einstein's theory of **relativity**, established that time, space and matter

The Law of cause and effect states that everything that has a beginning has a cause.

The Christian belief of creation is described in Genesis and includes the creation of the whole universe.

How the universe was created is a divine revelation given to man.

An atheist said, "INothing happened. "You see, there is not God." Another responded, "You've only proved that He is a gracious God."

* + - 1. Creation of Man

Genesis 1:27-28,31

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.

God was pleased with the creation of humans.

It has been said by some, that God created the world primarily for His own glory, and secondarily for the benefit of man. But in view of the fact that God is described by the apostle as Love, and hence that all His acts are to be attributed to love as the fundamental motive, it is better to say that God created the world in order that creatures might share in His life and love.

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God spoke and by this reveals His wisdom and instructions to us. Why is this important? Because it is in a mode of communication we understand. He intends for us to understand Him.

This tells us that God intended to be in a relationship with us all along.

Because it is a relationship, He then gave **FREE WILL**. The ability to make decisions.

Break for Question:

What do you think is God’s perception of humans?



3 Parts of Man: Spirit, Soul and Body

Usually, we say in this order: Body, Soul, last, Spirit.

But how does the Bible define and arrange it?

Spirit comes first. Then soul. Last is the body.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are first spiritual beings, meant to be in communion with God.

Break for Question:

What do you understand by spirt, soul and body?

Which do you think affects the other two?

Spirit: The human spirit is the deepest part of a person that communes with the spiritual world.

Soul: Our soul is our personality, who we are. With our soul we think, reason, consider, remember and experience emotions.

Body: Existing in the tangible world and exercising senses.

We are first spiritual beings, meant to be in communion with God.

We are first created with the **State of Innocence**.

When Adam sinned, man was found with the **State of Sin/Corruption**.

When Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected, man was brought into the State of Grace.

When man chooses Jesus, man will be in a State of Glory.

When man denies Jeuss, man will be in a State of Misery.

Break for Question:

Why is the belief in intentional creation so important?

The Evolution Hypothesis

Evolution is the process whereby species are supposed to develop over millions of years to become more complex species.

Evo – process – species are supposed to develop – billions of years – complex species

There is evidence for micro-evolution but no evidence of macro- evolution.

“Not one change of species into another is on record … we cannot prove that a single species has been changed.” *Charles Darwin, My Life & Letters*

Knowing we were created with love and a purpose. With evolution, it implies that we come from nothing, live for no purpose and die into nothing.

Further, evolution has been **used by people like** **Hitler** to **justify killing those who are not of the pure Aryan race**

It is murder of eugenics

Eph 2:10

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. *NLT*

Break for Question:

What do you know about angels currently?

* + - 1. Creation of Angels

The time of their creation is not known. It evidently must fall somewhere within the period described in the first chapter of Genesis, and before the resting of God on the seventh day.

Angels, like men, are persons, possessing self-consciousness and self-determination. They think and feel and will. But unlike men, they have no bodies, and are pure spirits.

There are no angelic bodies. The ascription of wings to the angels is by a figure of speech.

 There appear to be various ranks among the angels:

**Archangels**

Jude 9

9 But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

**Seraphim**

Isa 6:2

2 Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

**Cherubim**

Gen 3:24

24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

By their fall the evil angels did not cease to be angels nor lose their angelic endowment. But their heavenly glory was lost, and the luster of their endowment was gone. Their knowledge is still great, but the keenness of their minds has suffered much as a result of their sin, and their reasoning is often defective.

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* + - 1. Providence

 God preserves, sustains and cares for the world which He has made. The universe is not a self-operating machine. It would not continue to operate or even to exist, were it not for the sustaining and energizing power and activity of Him who created it.

 This providential care of God is the source of the greatest comfort to the Christian. A world which God made, but about whose further fate He did not concern Himself, would be a most disheartening world.

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* + - 1. Why did God create?

Jas 2:23

Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith. He was even called the friend of God. *NLT*

Break for Question:

Why do you think God still created humans knowing they would make mistakes with their free will?

Most **astounding** amazing truth: He wants to be friends with you.

We **need** God to enjoy **His** creation. Without God, we are left alone with no one to help us face the problems of life.

God loves you but hates sin. He knows what sin can do in your life, relationships and destiny.

He loves you too much to let life simply go on by

Jesus took the responsibility and penalty for us so we can be reconciled to the Father

Rom 5:11

11 Now we rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God … making us friends of God.

So loved. Confusing

The word love can be – confusing …

I love you honey – same word

Love bak kut teh – hot dog – ride bicycle

About lust

Giving. What get

Climb highest hill. Thru deepest valley

Cut me into 10 pieces – honey I love me

Today cannot come - rain

Gave

Climb highest hill. Thru deepest valley

Heb 1:3

3 The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. NLT

Heb 1:3

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. NIV

Isa 53:5-7

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our sins.

The couple must be very **glad** to have invited Jesus to the wedding – assured of help in daily life

Rev 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. *NKJV*

God is not interested in religious **rituals**, He wants to have a **relationship** – friendship

All you need is to receive what He has done.

If you want to receive Christ, you can pray this with me:

“Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus Christ to die for me on the cross for all my sins. I receive what Jesus has done for me. Thank You for forgiving me of all my sins and for releasing Your favor and blessings on me. Help me to know you more each day. In Jesus’ Name, Amen!”

Couple **glad** – **invited**

Met prob – Jesus there – help

Jesus is there help

**Light** not to **expose** your evil

**Lead** you out of your **mess**

Article on The Evolution Hypothesis

Evolution is the process whereby species are supposed to develop over millions of years to become more complex species.

Picture: Cell – ameba – frog – ape – man

What that has been regarded as the ‘Science’ of Evolution is not even a theory but only a hypothesis (a mere assumption or guess).

​Many aspects of evolution’s fundament are nothing more than assumptions used to explain and “prove” other hypotheses. This is not the scientific method and not how legitimate science operates!

There is evidence for micro-evolution but no evidence of macro-evolution.

**Micro-evolution**

The variations form within the “kind”. Living organisms have the ability to develop genetic adaptations, within a species, like from wolves, we see a rich variety of species of dogs emerging.

Gen 1:12

*12The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. NLT*

**Macro-evolution**: All living creatures are thought to share a common ancestor: a relatively "simple" single-celled organism, which evolved from inorganic matter (so-called "rock soup"). Essentially, the birds and the bananas, the fishes and the flowers, are all from the same origin. Macro-evolution attempts to prove a common **link** between all species.

However, there is questionable evidence on macro-evolution, where one species jumps to become another species. For example, how did an amphibian (frog) become a reptile (like a crocodile), and how did a reptile become a mammal (like apes and elephants)?

The chances of such thing happening is like an explosion in a restaurant producing a BMW.

There are so **many ‘missing links.’** There are also a lot of **frauds** to as how the links were found.

Many years ago, the world was excited about the discovery of the ‘Java man’ in 1891.

Picture: Java man

It consisted of a tooth, skull cap, thigh bone which was supposed to provide the missing link on how apes developed into humans. It turned out to be a fraud and it was actually the bones of a giant gibbon.

You can Google and see similar frauds of the Nebraska man in the 1922.

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Evolution has been used by dictators like Hitler to justify what they do in the key book of Nazism, ‘MeinKampf’, meaning ‘My Struggles’. It is based on the evolutionary theory of the survival of the fittest, eliminating others, in producing the superior Aryan race.

God said all of us in Christ are His **masterpieces** created in Christ Jesus. You did not happen by **chance**, without **worth** and **purpose**. You have a great destiny and a great purpose.

It is not the **survival** **of the fittest**. God is in **control** and He a great plan for your life.

Eph 2:10

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. *NLT*

Jer 29:11

11For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. NIV

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