

Divine Creation: Cornerstone of Biblical Faith

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Creation motif permeates Scripture

Based on just a few texts, the idea that God is Creator permeates Scripture, not just the first chapters of Genesis. Here we go . . .

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Exodus 20

Exodus 20:8-11 NKJV

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

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Exodus 31:16-17

Exodus 31:16-17 NKJV

Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and

the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.’ ”

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2 Kings

2 Kings 19:14-15 NKJV

And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. Then Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said: “O Lord God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

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1 Chronicles 16

1 Chronicles 16:25-26 NKJV

For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the Lord made the heavens.

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Nehemiah 9:6

Nehemiah 9:6 NKJV

You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all

their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.

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Psalm 33:6-9

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By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep 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 was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

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Psalm 95:1-6

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Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

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Psalm 104:1-5

Psalm 104:1-5 NKJV

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain. He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind, Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire. You who laid the foundations of the earth, So that it should not be moved forever,

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Psalm 104:24

Psalm 104:24 NKJV

O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions—

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Psalm 124:8

Psalm 124:8 NKJV

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

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Psalm 136:1-9

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Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever: To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever; To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever; To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, For His mercy endures forever; To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever— The sun to rule by day, For His mercy endures forever; The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever.

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Proverbs 3:19

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Isaiah 37:14-16

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Isaiah 40:26-29

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Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: “My way is hidden from the Lord, And my just claim is passed over by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

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Isaiah 65:17

Isaiah 65:17 NKJV

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

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Jeremiah 10:12-16

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He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion. When He utters His voice, There is a multitude of waters in the heavens: “And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, He brings the wind out of His treasures.” Everyone is dull-hearted, without knowledge; Every metalsmith is put to shame by an image; For his molded image is falsehood, And there is no breath in them. They are futile, a work of errors; In the time of their punishment they shall perish. The Portion of Jacob is not like them, For He is the Maker of all things, And Israel is the tribe of His inheritance; The Lord of hosts is His name.

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Jeremiah 32:17

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‘Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.

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John 1:1-3

John 1:1-3 NKJV

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 nothing was made that was made.

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Acts 4:23-24

Acts 4:23-24 NKJV

And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

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Acts 17:24-28

Acts 17:24-28 NKJV

God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’

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Romans 1:20

Romans 1:20 NKJV

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

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Colossians 1:15-17

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He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

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Hebrews 2:10

Hebrews 2:10 NKJV

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

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Revelation 4:11

Revelation 4:11 NKJV

“You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

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Revelation 14:6, 7

Revelation 14:6-7 NKJV

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

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Unmistakably clear

It is unmistakably clear: if we remove the concept of God as all-powerful Creator from Scripture, we destroy the essential foundation of the Christian faith. We cannot have God and evolution too, because the creation motif permeates the language and theology of Scripture. It is clear from Scripture that if we throw out the concept of God as all-powerful Creator as literally told in the first chapters of Genesis, we literally gut the power of Scripture and the power of the Christian faith. The Creator theme is not limited to the first book of Scripture, but is rather the cornerstone of the doctrine of God—and everything associated with Him. The Christian faith, as taught in Scripture, cannot exist without God as Creator,

fashioning the world in six days. Let me illustrate . . .

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Four Biblical truths

The following truths are anchored in God as Creator. 1. God's nature 2. Worship / Obedience 3. Hope 4. Christ as Savior

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God's Nature

If God did not create this world in the orderly, powerful manner put forth in Genesis and the rest of Scripture(including these two passages), then His personal credibility to function as God are brought into question. If, in fact, the earth came into existence by the cruel, hap-hazard twists of evolution, then God is not wise. Conclusion: If God did not create, He does not have the wisdom to govern our universe or personal lives. Find an alternative!

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Worship / Obedience

If God is not our Creator, He does not deserve our worship or obedience.
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If God is not powerful enough to make our world—and universe—by His command, then how on earth can He come through on smaller, yet miraculous, matters? Conclusion: If God did not create, we have no foundation for our hope in His almighty power to deliver from trouble, or provide for us. The promises are groundless. We’re on our own.

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God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

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Christ as Savior

Christ, as Creator, is also our Savior. His saving power and creative power are directly linked in Scripture. If He has no power to create our world, then He is not the Savior we need. Conclusion: If God did not create, then we're on our own. Good luck getting yourself out of this mess!

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Evolution is one of Satan's direct attacks on God's authority

The fact that four of the most basic Biblical truths are wiped-out by embracing a materialistic (even theistic) evolutionary model of origins should be no surprise to us. After all, Lucifer intended from the very beginning of his rebellion to usurp God's place (Isaiah 14:12-14)--and he cannot do so unless he strips God (specifically Christ) of His role as Creator. Notice the following two quotes that affirm this very fact: that evolution is a necessary conclusion to exclude God from the picture—not because there is overwhelming evidence in its support. Period.

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Atheism, not science

Philip Johnson, Harvard grad, professor emeritus of law at UC Berkeley, “Modern science protects its grand theory of evolution by starting with the basic assumption that God is out of the picture and by sticking to that assumption through every discouragement.” *Defeating Darwinism by Opening Minds*, pg. 88. Richard Lewontin, high-profile evolutionary scientist: “We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, in spite of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism. It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our a priori adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is an absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door.” *Billions and Billions of Demons*, *The New York Review*, January 9, 1997.

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Conclusion

For a Christian to embrace evolution, and yet hold firm belief in Scripture and its truths is a simple impossibility. We either embrace the Biblical teaching of origins and the all-mighty God who made the universe by His wisdom and power—or we cut our own path. There is no middle ground. Like the monkey clinging to the peanuts in the jar and struggling for its freedom, we cannot have both. We must release our peanuts—and embrace the freedom and joy of knowing a God who is both gracious and unimaginably powerful.

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