

JESUS CHRIST IS THE CREATOR
(THE CREATOR)

John 1:3, 10

(John 1:3), "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

(John 1:10), "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not."

The following outline is the road map for a message divided into three parts that addresses the subject of creation. The Roman numeral indicates the heading for each message.

I. THE CREATOR

#1. THE **NAME** OF THE CREATOR

(John 1:1-3)

#2. THE **INSTRUMENT** USED BY THE CREATOR

(John 1:1-3)

#3. THE **DESCRIPTION** GIVEN BY THE CREATOR

(Gen 1:1-3)

II. THE CREATION (FIVE FACTS REGARDING CREATION)

#1. THE CREATION HAD A **BEGINNING**

(Gen 1:1; John 17:5)

#2. THE CREATION BEARS THE **MARKS** OF THE CREATOR

(Psa 19:1-3)

#3. THE CREATION IS **SUBSERVIENT** TO THE CREATOR

(Many miracles)

#4. THE CREATION IS **SUSTAINED** BY THE CREATOR

(Col 1:17; Heb 1:3)

#5. THE CREATION IS **TEMPORAL**

(Isa 51:6; Heb 1:10-12; Psa 102:25-27; Luke 21:33; Isa 34:4; Mat 24:29; Rev 6:13-14; 2 Pet 3:10; Rev 20:11; Isa 65:17; 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1)

III. THE CREATURE (Psa 8:4; Gen 1:26-31)

FIVE FACTS REGARDING MAN

#1. MAN WAS A **CREATED**

(Gen 1:27; Gen 2:7; Exo 4:11; Isa 45:12)

#2. MAN WAS CREATED IN THE **IMAGE OF GOD**

(Gen 1:26-27)

#3. MAN WAS GIVEN **DOMINION** OVER CREATION

(Gen 1:26, 28)

#4. MAN WAS CREATED **MALE AND FEMALE**

(Gen 1:27; Gen 5:1-2; Acts 17:26)

#5. MAN BECAME IN NEED OF **RE-CREATION**

(Gen 2:17; Gen 3:22-24)



ACCORDING TO **JOHN 1:1-14**

- 1) **JESUS CHRIST IS "THE WORD"** (v. 1)
- 2) Jesus Christ **IS GOD** (v. 1)
- 3) Jesus Christ **WAS MAN** (v. 14)

S **THIS MESSAGE BRINGS OUT A FOURTH TRUTH "JESUS CHRIST IS THE CREATOR."**

(John 1:3), "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

S **ENTIRE BOOKS** have been written on the subject of creation. **CONFERENCES** take hours to address this subject. We will barely be able to **touch the surface** of this subject.

S **HUMILITY IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT** in addressing the subject of creation. The subject is **SO VAST**. **GOD'S QUESTIONING OF JOB** ILLUSTRATES THE CHALLENGE. What Job had to say **sounded so reasonable** from a human point of view **until** God started asking him questions that he could not answer.

A LITTLE OF WHAT GOD ASKED JOB:

(Job 38:4-6), "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. {5} Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? {6} Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; . . ."

(V. 19), "Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof, . . ."

(40:2), "Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct

him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

(40:8), “Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?” (That is a good question. It deserves an answer.)

JOB SAID:

(40:4-5), “Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. {5} Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.”

- **JOB COULD NOT ANSWER THE MOST BASIC QUESTIONS** God asked regarding creation. **WITH ALL OUR ADVANCES IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, OUR ABILITY** to answer God’s questions are **DWARFED** in comparison to what could be answered.
- **ONE DAY ALBERT EINSTEIN** was **INTERACTING** with some of his **brighter students** about God and whether or not He existed. Einstein asked them: **“What percent of the total knowledge of the universe do you suppose we now possess?”** They gave him various estimates that **averaged** about **2 PERCENT**. Einstein replied, “I think your guesses are high, but I’ll accept that figure of 2 percent. Now tell me, what are the chances that God exists in the other 98%?” (James Dobson, pg. 144, When God Doesn’t Make Sense)

THE POINT — EVEN EINSTEIN FELT OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNIVERSE BARELY TOUCHED THE SURFACE OF WHAT IS THERE. It has been born out again and again, the more a person learns, the more they realize how little they really know.

WITH HUMILITY WE ADDRESS THE SUBJECT OF CREATION:

- I. THE CREATOR**
- II. THE CREATION**
- III. THE CREATURE**

I. THE CREATOR

S THREE THINGS REGARDING THE CREATOR

#1. THE NAME OF THE CREATOR

S THREE TITLES ARE REVEALED

[#1]. THE CREATOR BORE THE NAME "JESUS"

S IT DOES NOT TAKE A **ROCKET SCIENTIST** to discover the verses in John 1 are talking about Jesus.

(**V. 17**), "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by **JESUS CHRIST**."

S SCRIPTURE MAKES ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THE CREATOR'S NAME IS **JESUS**:

- (**Eph 3:9**), "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, **WHO CREATED ALL THINGS BY JESUS CHRIST**:"
- (**Col 1:16**), "**FOR BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIM, AND FOR HIM**:"
- (**Heb 1:2**), "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **BY WHOM ALSO HE MADE THE WORLDS**;" (NIV translates it as "**UNIVERSE**")

S THE POINT IS **SIMPLE**, BUT VERY **IMPORTANT**, **JESUS CREATED THE UNIVERSE**. SINCE Jesus (who is God V. 1) created the "universe," He **WOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD HOW** creation took place. He was there. Had there been an "untruth" in the written record of creation found in Genesis, or any other place in the Bible, Jesus would have known. The wonderful news is the Creator put on human flesh (V. 14) and dwelt among us, and confirmed the accuracy of all Scripture. Never once did Jesus ever cast shadows of doubt God's Word. The Bible is an accurate and true document even as it addresses the subject of creation.

[#1]. THE CREATOR BORE THE NAME "JESUS"

[#2]. THE CREATOR BORE THE NAME "TRUTH"

(V. 9), "That was **THE TRUE LIGHT**, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

(V. 14), "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.**"

(V. 17), "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and **TRUTH** came by Jesus Christ."

GOD'S COMMUNICATION WITH US IS CALLED TRUTH

- **(John 14:6)**, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the **TRUTH**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."
- **THREE TIMES** God clearly stated in His Word that **GOD CANNOT LIE** (Titus 1:2; Num 23:19; 1 Sam 15:29).
- **MARK IT DOWN CLEAR AND PLAIN**, WHEN GOD COMMUNICATES, **GOD'S WORDS ARE TRUE**, whether spoken, written or incarnate. **God does not use words that are false or untrue.**
- **(Psa 119:160)**, "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

[#1]. THE CREATOR BORE THE NAME "JESUS"

[#2]. THE CREATOR BORE THE NAME "TRUTH"

[#3]. THE CREATOR BORE THE NAME "THE WORD"

(V. 1), "In the beginning was **THE WORD**, and **THE WORD** was with God, and **THE WORD** was God."

- S** **IN THE EARLIER MESSAGE** titled *GOD "THE WORD,"* we asked **WHY**, out of all the **thousands of names** God could have chosen, did He choose to call Jesus **"THE WORD?"**
- THREE REASONS WERE OFFERED:**
- #1.** Because words are how we **COMMUNICATE**
 - #2.** Because words are **POWERFUL**

#3. Because **GOD IS THE FINAL WORD**

S In that message it was stated:

“SINCE GOD IS **“THE WORD,”** HE HAS **THE FINAL WORD** REGARDING EVERY SUBJECT. His Word is not just “ANOTHER WORD”; not just “A DIFFERENT WORD”; HIS WORD IS **“THE WORD,”** i.e., **THE VERY WORD OF GOD.**

MY PERSONAL BIAS (conviction) REGARDING CREATION is that **THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD** and **WHEN IT ADDRESSES** the subject of **SCIENCE (creation)**, IT **ADDRESSES IT ACCURATELY.** That is **NOT TO SAY** that God intended the Bible to be a science book. **IF** God had given to us the account of creation written **IN SCIENTIFIC LANGUAGE**, it is reasonable to conclude **the world’s largest library** would not have been able to contain the written material.

FREDERICK A. FILBY, A PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY from **England** wrote in *Creation Revealed: A Study of Genesis Chapter One in the Light of Modern Science*. He wrote:

“The sciences which probe most deeply into the ultimate facts of matter and life are probably **astro- and nuclear physics and biochemistry.** But these sciences are written, not so much in language as in symbols. It takes many pages of symbols to discuss the nature of **A SINGLE ATOM OF HYDROGEN.** It has been estimated that to give a complete account of the position of the groups and bonds in **A SINGLE VIRUS** of ‘molecular weight 300 million’ would take a **200-page book.**

“If the scientific description of **A SINGLE HYDROGEN ATOM**, or **A VIRUS TOO SMALL** to be seen without a microscope, takes a book, what hope is there to ever giving a scientific account of the creation of man and the universe . . . If Genesis 1 were written in absolute scientific language to give an account of creation, there is no man alive, nor ever has there been, who could understand it.” (Creation Revealed: A Study of Genesis Chapter One in the Light of Modern Science (Westwood, N.J.: Fleming H. Revell, 1963) pp. 15,16) (James Boice, Genesis, pp 22-23)

THE BIBLE IS NOT A SCIENCE BOOK, BUT WHEN IT SPEAKS CONCERNING SCIENCE, IT SPEAKS ACCURATELY. WHEN **GOD’S WORD ADDRESSES SCIENCE, THAT WORD IS GOD’S WORD** just as the much as when His Word addresses salvation.

GOD HAS SPOKEN REGARDING HIS WORD.

- **(Isa 40:8)**, “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but **THE WORD OF OUR GOD SHALL STAND FOR EVER.**”
- **(Psa 119:160)**, “**THY WORD IS TRUE FROM THE BEGINNING:** and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.”
- **(2 Tim 3:16)**, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”
- **(Mat 5:17)**, “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but **TO FULFIL.**”

CONSIDER THREE QUOTATIONS that address **THE ISSUE OF SCIENCE AND SCRIPTURE**

1) **DR. E. J. YOUNG**, was **PROFESSOR OF OLD TESTAMENT** at **Westminster Theological Seminary** until he passed away in **1968**.

“The Bible is either a revelation of God, or it is simply the gropings of the Hebrew nation and the presentation of the best that they could find.” If it is revelation from God, then “God has told us about the creation, and we [should] believe that it is historical, that is, that it actually took place, because God has so spoken.”

(James Boice, *Genesis*, p 20; E. J. Young, *In the Beginning: Genesis Chapters 1 to 3 and the Authority of Scripture* (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1976), p. 35)

S DR. JAMES BOICE:

“Biblical religion must by its very definition start with the Bible and make all other theories subordinate to that.” When everything becomes subject to the prevailing explanation for man, “an ability to hear the reforming, correcting Word of God in Scripture has been lost.”

“What should the Christian’s proper position be? An openness to all truth certainly, but not the kind of openness that allows scientific theory or any other theory to sit in judgment on the truthfulness of God’s written Word. Actually, the Christians task is the opposite: to bring every thought into subjection to the written word . . . (2 Cor 10:4, 5). We may not know the whole truth in any given area. But we must know that our ultimate standard for truth — whatever it is — is the written Word of God.” (James Boice, *Genesis*, pp. 48-49)

- **DR. DONALD E. CHITTICK** holds a **Ph.D.** in **PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY** from **Oregon State University**, and has taught in the University of Puget Sound and George Fox College. He is an **inventor** and holds **SEVERAL U.S. AND FOREIGN PATENTS**.

Dr. Chittick writes:

“**THE TOTAL MAN FELL**. Instead of being spiritually in tune with our Creator, man is now **SPIRITUALLY** dead and normally **uninterested** in spiritual things. Instead of being excited and at peace with God, man is **EMOTIONALLY** estranged from God and angry at Him. Instead of normally wanting to do what is right, our normal tendency is to do what is wrong; we fell **MORALLY**. We have to work at being good. A baby does not have to be trained to be bad, but to be good. Bad comes naturally.

“But we also fell **INTELLECTUALLY**. **Instead of** using the Creator's Word as our test of truth, our natural tendency now is to use our own opinions, the opinions of rebellious, fallen man. The total man fell.

“**BECAUSE THE TOTAL MAN FELL, SALVATION ALSO IS FOR THE TOTAL MAN**. Man has to be converted **spiritually** (to be alive and alert and responsive to God the Creator); he has to be converted **emotionally** (to have peace with the Creator); and there has to be repentance (a **moral** change); but man also needs to be converted **intellectually**. He has to again move back to the Creator's Word as his test for truth. **Romans 12:2** describes this. ("And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.")

“Conversion involves **A RENEWED MIND**. Saying it in our terms, we start with **A NEW WORLDVIEW**, the worldview of **absolute truth given to us by the Creator**. **THE FALL WAS** a rejection of the Creator's word as truth test. **CONVERSION INVOLVES** a rejection of men's opinions as truth test and goes **back to the Creator's word**. **OUR PRESUPPOSITION IS THAT SCRIPTURE, NOW, BECOMES OUR STANDARD FOR TRUTH.**”

“Conversion **may involve ALL FOUR STEPS AT ONCE**, spiritual, emotional, moral, and intellectual. Often it does. But many times it does not. I was spiritually converted, emotionally converted, and morally converted before I was totally intellectually converted. It took a long while to sort out all the issues. Therefore **I must be patient** with those who are still working on these issues.

“So we have then, **TWO METHODOLOGIES, . . . BEFORE CONVERSION, OUR TEST OF TRUTH IS MEN'S OPINIONS**, usually "secular science as standard for truth. If the Bible doesn't agree with whatever secular science says, then this pre-intellectual

conversion methodology says "reinterpret the Bible.

"For example, one using this approach might claim that the early Genesis account is only myth or poetic imagery.

"**AFTER CONVERSION, THE HOLY SCRIPTURE** is our standard for truth. If men's opinions (secular science) disagree with what the Scripture says, then reinterpret science." (Dr. Donald E. Chittick, www.answersingenesis.org/docs/1945.asp)

- **JESUS SAID**
(**Mat 24:35**), "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **MY WORDS SHALL NOT PASS AWAY.**" (Mark 13:31; Luke 21:32-33; Mat 19:3-6; Mark 13:19)
- (**Psa 119:160**), "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

#1. **THE NAME OF THE CREATOR**
(Jesus, Truth, Word — Jesus is the Word of Truth)

#2. THE INSTRUMENT USED BY THE CREATOR

(**John 1:1-3**), "In the beginning was **THE WORD**, and **THE WORD** was with God, and **THE WORD** was God. {2} The same was in the beginning with God. {3} **ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM; AND WITHOUT HIM** was not any thing made that was made."

- **THE "HIM"** in verse 3 IS "**THE WORD**" (Jesus)
- **THE INSTRUMENT OF GOD'S CHOICE** in creating the worlds was "**THE WORD**"

S (**Psa 33:6**), "**BY THE WORD OF THE LORD** were the heavens made; and all the host of them by **THE BREATH** of his mouth."

S (**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."

S (**Gen 1:3**), "**AND GOD SAID** (aw-mar'), 'Let there be light: and there was light.'"
(**V. 6**), "**AND GOD SAID**, 'Let there be a firmament . . . "
(**V. 9**), "**AND GOD SAID**, . . . "

S In Genesis 1 the words **"AND GOD SAID"** appear **TEN TIMES**.

- God did not send down **A CONSTRUCTION CREW** with orders to build a world. **GOD SPOKE** and that which did not exist came into existence.
- We addressed that idea in great detail in an earlier message. Perhaps you recall the mighty things Jesus did while on earth using words.
 - 1) With words He calmed **A STORM**. He said, "Peace be still" and the wind stopped blowing.
 - 2) With words Jesus raised **A DEAD MAN**. Jesus said, "Lazarus, come forth," and the dead man lived.
 - 3) With words Jesus healed the servant of the centurion even though he was far away.

#1. THE **NAME** OF THE CREATOR

#2. THE **INSTRUMENT** USED BY THE CREATOR

#3. THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY THE CREATOR

GENESIS 1 IS GOD'S DESCRIPTION OF CREATION:

(Gen 1:1), "In the beginning God **CREATED** the heaven and the earth."

S In Scripture THE VERB **"BARA'"** (baw-raw') **ONLY HAS GOD AS ITS SUBJECT. ONLY GOD CAN CREATE.** Man cannot create in the sense meant by *bara*. Man can be **creative**, but man cannot create. Man can take that which already exists and **fashion it** and **shape it**, but HE CANNOT CREATE.

S **"BARA'"** expresses the idea of **CREATION FROM NOTHING**.

(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.**"

S THE GENESIS ACCOUNT REVEALS THE ORDER IN WHICH GOD CREATED THE WORLD.

DAY 1 — God spoke and there was **light & dark**

- **(V. 5)**, "... And the evening and the morning were the **FIRST DAY.**"

DAY 2 — God spoke and there was **firmament**

- **(V. 8)**, “. . . And the **evening** and the **morning** were the **SECOND DAY.**”

DAY 3 — God spoke and there was **dry land, sea & plants**

- **(V. 13)**, “And the **evening** and the **morning** were the **THIRD DAY.**”

DAY 4 — God spoke and there were **sun, moon and stars**

- **(V. 19)**, “And the **evening** and the **morning** were the **FOURTH DAY.**”

DAY 5 — God spoke and there were **fish and birds**

- **(V. 23)**, “And the **evening** and the **morning** were the **FIFTH DAY.**”

DAY 6 — God spoke and there were **animals and man**

- **(V. 31)**, “. . . And the **evening** and the **morning** were the **SIXTH DAY.**”

DAY 7 — God **RESTED**

- **(2:2-3)**, “And on the **SEVENTH DAY** God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.”

S QUESTION — WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE God took the time and space in Scripture to say **SIX TIMES, “and the evening and the morning”** followed by the designated day? **WHY THE REPETITION?** Think about it.

S LISTEN FOR THE WORD “GOOD” IN GENESIS 1

- **(V. 4)**, “And God saw the light, that **IT WAS GOOD . . .**”
- **(V. 10)**, “. . . and God saw that **IT WAS GOOD.**”
- **(V. 12)**, “. . . and God saw that **IT WAS GOOD.**”
- **(V. 18)**, “. . . and God saw that **IT WAS GOOD.**”
- **(V. 21)**, “. . . and God saw that **IT WAS GOOD.**”
- **(V. 25)**, “. . . and God saw that **IT WAS GOOD.**”
- **(V. 31)**, “. . . And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, **IT WAS VERY GOOD . . .**”
- **THE WORD “GOOD” APPEARED SEVEN TIMES.** Why the repetition? Think about it.

S LISTEN FOR THE WORDS “AFTER HIS KIND” IN GENESIS 1. THAT PHRASE APPEARS TEN TIMES:

- **(V. 11)**, “And God said, Let the earth bring forth **grass, the herb**

yielding **seed**, and the **fruit tree** yielding fruit AFTER HIS **KIND**, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.”

- **(V. 12)**, “And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed AFTER HIS **KIND**, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, AFTER HIS **KIND**: . . .”
- **(V. 21)**, “And God created great **whales**, and **every living creature** that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, AFTER THEIR **KIND**, and every **winged fowl** AFTER HIS **KIND**: . . .”
- **(V. 24)**, “And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature AFTER HIS **KIND**, **cattle**, and **creeping thing**, and **beast** of the earth AFTER HIS **KIND**: and it was so.”
- **(V. 25)**, “And God made the beast of the earth AFTER HIS **KIND**, and cattle AFTER THEIR **KIND**, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth AFTER HIS **KIND**: . . .”

WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE GOD WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE IN HIS WORD OF TRUTH TO STATE

- **10X's** - “AFTER HIS KIND”?
- **7X's** - “AND IT WAS GOOD”?
- **6X's** - “THE EVENING AND THE MORNING”?

- **YOU GET THE IMPRESSION** that God wanted this message to **sink in** and not be passed over. He wanted it **to stick**.

I. THE CREATOR

The next message in this series addresses the subject of **CREATION**. That will be followed by a message that addresses the **CREATURE**. Someone might ask if all of this really makes a difference. Is it really worth spending so much time discussing it? The answer is an absolute **YES**.

When we believe wrong, it is automatic that we will do wrong. If a person views himself as nothing more than an animal, he will be inclined to act like nothing more than an animal. There will be little reason for moral restraint. If a person views *man* as nothing more than an animal, then he will treat him little different from an animal.