

JESUS CHRIST IS THE CREATOR
(PART 2 — THE CREATION)

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)



II. THE CREATION

- S THERE ARE TWO MAJOR WORLD VIEWS as it relates to THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE. There is the view that God created the world. There is the second view that teaches the existence of the world apart from God.
- S CONSIDER BOTH VIEWS

1) GOD CREATED THE WORLD

- There are AT LEAST FIVE DIFFERENT VIEWS REGARDING HOW GOD CREATED THE WORLD:

#1. **THEISTIC EVOLUTION.** This view holds that God oversaw the development of **life forms** from **non life forms** over long periods of time that corresponds to geological ages. There are **many variations** of theistic evolution. Some who hold this view **reject** the idea of **intelligent design (ID)**. They possess the idea of **deism**. *Deism* is the belief that God created the world and then withdrew from it to let it run on its own. It could be compared to a **clock** that is wound up and then set on the shelf left to run by itself. This view of theistic evolution purports that **man came to life** as a result of **random, undirected evolution**.

OTHERS hold a view of theistic evolution indicating greater **involvement** by God. This particular view holds that God was **directing** the evolutionary process.

#2 **THE GAP THEORY.** This view suggests a long gap of time between the first two verses of Genesis. That gap would allow time for **geological ages**.

(Gen 1:1-2), "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. {2} And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep . . . "

This view indicates God created earth (V. 1) and something catastrophic happened to it to make it "void" (V. 2). It is suggested that Satan was cast out of heaven and wrecked havoc and destruction on the earth. The gap theory has been held by such men as **C. S. LEWIS, M. R. DeHAAN, DONALD GREY BARNHOUSE, C. I. SCOFIELD** and others. **FRANCIS SCHAEFFER** held to parts of this view. (Boice, *Genesis*, p 51)

#3. **OLD AGE CREATION (progressive creation).** This view holds that the world was created **over long periods of time** that corresponds to the geological ages. The Hebrew word "**YOM**" (day) would refer to geological "**ages**." *Progressive creationists* do not believe God used evolution as the means to develop man. Those who believe God used evolution are called *theistic evolutionists*, not *progressive creationists*.

#4. **YOUNG AGE CREATION (six literal days of creation).**

This view indicates the Hebrew word “**YOM**” (day) represents **literal twenty-four hour periods**. It does not deny that “yom” can refer to extended periods of time, but does verify usage in that manner is very **rare** and certainly not in accord with geological ages. The *young age* creationist believes the world was created about **10,000 years ago** or less, rather than **billions** of years ago.

ONE OF THE **ARGUMENTS AGAINST** *young age creation* is the indication from science that the world appears to be older than 10,000 years. One argument draws attention to the fact that **LIGHT** from some stars is thousands of light years away. If the light from those stars is observable on earth, does that not indicate that the universe is thousands of light years old?

A **RESPONSE** to that argument is God created the world mature, rather than young. For example, when God created **ADAM** he was not a baby. Adam was created full grown. It is logical to conclude that God created a mature universe.

ANOTHER RESPONSE to THE LIGHT ARGUMENT suggests **the law of entropy** (the second law of thermodynamics) has had its effect on light causing the speed of light to decrease over time. It is suggested that at the beginning of creation, before entropy had its effect, light traveled across the universe **instantly**.

QUESTION — BASED ON NATURAL LAW, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR AN ALMOND TREE to produce **ALMONDS**? A new tree has to grow a few years before it is mature enough to produce any fruit at all. After the tree is mature it will eventually produce **blossoms** that are followed **MONTHS LATER** by mature almond fruit. A period of **SOME MONTHS** must pass between the time the blossoms appear and the time the fruit matures. Suffice it to say almonds are not produced over night, that is, unless God wants to produce almonds over night.

According to **NATURAL LAW** almonds take **SEVERAL MONTHS** to produce edible fruit. How long does it take for an almond tree to produce fruit based on God’s **SUPERNATURAL LAW**? **MIRACLES** in the Bible take place when God supercedes natural law and carries out **SUPERNATURAL LAW**. One such miracle in the Bible had to do with almonds.

On one occasion God told Moses to take **TWELVE RODS** and place them before the testimony in the tabernacle. God told Moses the rod that blossomed revealed the person whom God had chosen. Each rod was to have a name on it that represented one of the twelve tribes of Israel. One rod had Aaron’s name on it and represented the tribe of Levi. According to Numbers 17 Aaron’s rod produced almonds proving Aaron to be God’s choice.

HOW LONG DID IT TAKE FOR AARON’S ROD TO PRODUCE ALMONDS?

(Num 17:8), “And it came to pass, that **on the**

morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was **budded**, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and **yielded almonds**."

God took **A DEAD STICK** called **A ROD** and it produced almonds on it in one night. God accomplished in one night what normally took months.

(Jer 32:17), "Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:"

SOMEDAY GOD WILL REVEAL the mysteries of the universe. Understanding those mysteries is certainly limited on our part at this time. We can be confident that when the veil is removed, God's Word will prove to be accurate and true as was discussed in the first message on the subject of creation. On that day we will discover **the act** of creation will match **the description** of creation found in Scripture.

For some strange reason we feel we have to **HELP GOD OUT** by giving Him more time to accomplish creation. It seems if God could not create a world in a short time, neither could He create a world in one billion years. Time is not the issue; ability is the issue.

#5. **A PERSPECTIVE BASED ON *EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF RELATIVITY***. This view is promoted by **CHUCK MISSLER** in his Bible study on the Book of Genesis. Chuck Missler makes reference to **DR. JERRY SCHROEDER**, a world class **NUCLEAR PHYSICIST**, and his book titled ***GENESIS AND THE BIG BANG***. Chuck Missler asked whether the world was created in **15 billion years** or in **six days**. He answered the question by saying, "**YES**," indicating both are possible at the same time. It all depends on **WHOSE CLOCK** you are using. His conviction is the battle that rages over time and creation is unnecessary.

THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY indicates that **TIME IS INFLUENCED BY GRAVITY, MASS and ACCELERATION** (speed). If you change gravity, mass or speed, you can change time. There is experimentation that indicates the validity of that argument.

#1. It has been proven that **A CLOCK** runs **faster** or **slower** depending upon the force of gravity. A clock in a weaker gravitational field runs faster than one in the stronger field. Church Missler states that "near the surface of the earth, the frequency increases about one part in 10^{16} per meter. A clock one hundred meters higher up from the center of the earth will have a frequency higher by one part in 10^{14} ."

#2. **A STUDY CONDUCTED IN 1971** by the **UNITED STATES NAVAL OBSERVATORY** provided further evidence. **ATOMIC CLOCKS** were used to measure

time accurately. Missler indicates that today there are **CESIUM CLOCKS** that are accurate within one second for every one hundred thousand years.

Those atomic clocks were flown around the world in opposite directions. One was flown **eastward** and the other was flown **westward** around the earth. A third clock remained stationary at the test facility. The **EASTWARD** bound clock **LOST .06 MICRO SECONDS**, while the westward bound clock **GAINED .27 MICRO SECONDS**.

THE POINT IS gravity, mass, and speed AFFECT TIME.

#3. A STORY ABOUT TWIN BROTHERS

ILLUSTRATES the point. Being twins they were born at the same time. One of the twins grew up and became an **ASTRONAUT**. One day the astronaut brother was shot into space headed toward **ALPHA CENTARE** traveling at half the speed of light. Alpha Centare is a little more than four light years from earth. A light year is the distance light travels in one year. Light travels at **186,000** miles per second. Light travels at such a high speed, if a train track around the earth had a **TRAIN** traveling on it at the speed of light and it took a person **one second** to cross the track, they would be run over **seven times** in one second.

Based on Einstein's theory of relativity, at the conclusion of his journey to Alpha Centare, the astronaut brother would be **TWO YEARS** younger than his brother who had remained on earth.

Plugging Einstein's theory of relativity into the creation account has **interesting implications** related to the creation story.

Missler says:

"If you take **THE MASS** of the **UNIVERSE** and put AN **IMAGINARY OBSERVER** at its **PERIMETER**, and you take **THE MASS** of the **EARTH** and put AN **OBSERVER** at its **PERIMETER**, and if you plug them into **EINSTEIN'S GENERAL THEORY OF RELATIVITY** and **CORRECT THE CLOCKS** proportional to the masses, **15 BILLIONS YEARS AT THE PERIMETER OF THE UNIVERSE** is how long on the surface of the earth? It is **SIX DAYS?**"

WE DO NOT KNOW the scientific explanation for all creation. We are much like **JOB OF OLD** when it comes to our ability to answer the key questions. We have far more questions than we have answers. Taking that lack of knowledge into account, God's Word can be trusted as it relates to the creation account. Someday when the mysteries of the universe are revealed, God's Word will prove at that time to be accurate and true. God created the world just like He said and the Book of Genesis is His accurate account of that creation.

- **(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."

2) A SECOND WORLD VIEW HOLDS GOD DID NOT CREATE THE WORLD.

S **ATHEISTIC EVOLUTION** is a proponent of this world view. Atheistic evolution is a full scale attempt to explain the presence of life apart from **THE EXISTENCE OF GOD**. This view holds the universe **HAS ALWAYS EXISTED IN SOME FORM** apart from God.

S **A GALLUP POLL** as recent as **1999** indicated that only about **10 PERCENT** of Americans believe life came about strictly **by chance** and **natural forces**. That means that **90 PERCENT** of Americans believe that God oversaw the creation process. (*Christianity Today, We're Not in Kansas Anymore*, by Nancy Pearcey, May 22, 2000, pg. 49)

CONSIDER FIVE TRUTHS GOD HAS REVEALED ABOUT CREATION

#1. THE CREATION HAD A BEGINNING

(Gen 1:1), "IN THE BEGINNING God created the heaven and the earth."

- God did not have a beginning, but creation did. God is eternal, creation is not. God has always existed, but creation has not.
- **(Isa 40:28)**, "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that **THE EVERLASTING GOD**, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding."
- **(Isa 57:15)**, "For thus saith the high and lofty one that **INHABITETH ETERNITY**, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."
- **JESUS SAID (John 17:5)**, "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee **BEFORE THE WORLD WAS.**"

1) **THE VIEW** that matter has always existed must be rejected based on the biblical revelation. **THE SUN, MOON, STARS AND EARTH HAVE NOT ALWAYS EXISTED**. There was a **time** in which the **heavens and earth** were created.

2) That carries A SECOND IMPORTANT IMPLICATION — **THE CREATION IS NOT GOD** as some would claim. The **CREATOR & HIS CREATION** are **SEPARATE & DISTINCT**. **WORSHIP** of the

creation is to be rejected (Rom 1:23-24).

#1. THE CREATION HAD A BEGINNING

#2. THE CREATION BEARS THE MARKS OF THE CREATOR

(Psa 19:1-3), "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. {2} Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. {3} There is no **SPEECH** nor language, where **THEIR VOICE** is not heard."

S THE CREATOR has left his **FINGERPRINTS** on everything He created.

S **FOUR THINGS** THE CREATION TELLS US ABOUT GOD:

[#1]. **GOD IS INFINITELY POWERFUL.**

Think of the power necessary to create the universe. **We cannot** even create an old **lifeless ROCK**. In fact, we cannot create anything at all. All we can do is be creative with things God has already made. We can fashion and form things, but we can create nothing.

[#2]. **GOD IS MAGNIFICENTLY CREATIVE.**

The beauty of a **sunset** is enough to make one stand in awe. A **thundercloud** reaching fifty thousand feet into the sky is breathtaking. Remember those times when you looked into the **night sky** and marveled at the wonder of God's creation. God created it all. God is the author of all that beauty.

[#3]. **GOD IS GOOD & GIVING.**

THE WORD "**GOOD**" appears **7X's** in Genesis 1. Our good God has written goodness into His creation.

(Psa 100:5), "For the **LORD** is **GOOD**; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations."

(James 1:16-17), "**DO NOT ERR**, my beloved brethren. {17} Every **GOOD GIFT** and every perfect gift is from above, and **COMES DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF LIGHTS**, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

An aspect of **GOD'S GOODNESS** is seen in the way **HE GIVES**. The **SEED** planted in the ground gives new life because it was created to give. The **CLOUD** that passes overhead gives rain because it was created to give. The **sun** up above gives light and warmth because God created it to give. God has written giving into His creation. John 3:16 is a verse about God's greatest gift.

[#4]. **GOD IS A MASTER DESIGNER**

S **CREATIONISTS** often refer to this AS **INTELLIGENT DESIGN (ID)**

S **MASTER DESIGNER** by Kurt Kaiser speaks well of God's design:
Tall mountain deep valley, fast river, cool stream
Show grandeur and majesty in some grand scheme.

All of this beauty is far too convincing
Master designer, Your Word must be true.

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DESIGN IS EVIDENT IN GOD'S CREATION.

(**Rom 1:20**), "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world **ARE CLEARLY SEEN**, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

S **QUESTION** — If a person were to have a copy of Shakespear's *HAMLET* in hand for the purpose of examination, would they conclude that it bore the marks of design? Would they conclude the words in that book lined up in a sensible and intelligible manner? Would they determine that someone directed the order of those words in that book? The answer is **YES**. Every word, sentence and paragraph speaks of design.

S **SECOND QUESTION** — Just suppose *Hamlet* had no designer, what are **THE ODDS** that *Hamlet* came into existence by a **random, non directed** process of chance? What are the **CHANCES** the words all lined themselves up over the eons of time and formed *Hamlet*?

LET'S ILLUSTRATE IT ANOTHER WAY. Suppose we were to cut *Hamlet* into individual words, place each of those words into a bucket and mix them up. Let's take a step beyond that. Take each word in *Hamlet* and cut them up into individual letters and place all of the letters in the bucket and mix them up. Not only do the sentences speak of design, so does each word. What would be **THE CHANCES** of dumping that bucket full of letters onto a gymnasium floor and those words forming a new book called ***GONE WITH THE WIND?***

THE ONLY WAY even one complete sentence from *Gone with the Wind* would ever be formed from the words from *Hamlet* would be for **someone to intervene** and **by design** form the words of *Gone with the Wind*.

S **A FURTHER QUESTION** — UPON READING *HAMLET* would you agree **the personality** of the designer is reflected in what he has designed? You can come to certain conclusions regarding Shakespear even though you have never met him just by reading his works. *Hamlet* reveals both a **design** and a **designer**. **DO NOT MISS THE POINT — SO DOES CREATION!**

IT IS INTERESTING HOW those who have **A BIAS AGAINST**

GOD, reveal their bias by refusing to admit **intelligent design**.

CHUCK COLSON WRITES regarding **FRANCIS CRICK**:

“FRANCIS CRICK, the co-discoverer of the double helical nature of the DNA molecule, has even declared, “Biologists must constantly keep in mind that what they see is not designed, but rather evolved.” It’s as if reminding themselves of their own dogma will convince them that the evidence for a Designer is a mirage in the desert of scientific explanation.

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S **THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF (2 Pet 3:5)**, “For this **THEY WILLINGLY ARE IGNORANT OF**, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:”

IGNORANT comes from a word meaning “**TO IGNORE**.” The evidence is there but they chose to ignore it.

S **CREATION SPEAKS LOUDLY REGARDING AN INTELLIGENT DESIGN**. Every living cell in every living plant and creature has to have a DNA molecule in it. That **DNA** molecule speaks volumes regarding design. DNA is **THE BLUEPRINT**, the genetic information, that **determines the characteristics** of every cell of every living organism.

S **BILL GATES** said of DNA, “DNA is like a computer program, but far, far more advanced than any software that we’ve ever created.” (*World Magazine, Phillip Johnson was Right*, p 26 of special edition, Feb 24, 2001)

S **LEE STROBEL**, the author of *The Case for Faith*, interviewed **WALTER L. BRADLEY**, the co-author of *The Mystery of Life’s Origin*. Bradley received his doctorate in materials science from the **University of Texas** in Austin and was a professor of mechanical engineering at **Texas A&M** for twenty-four years. He served as the head of the department for four years. Bradley shared some **VERY INTERESTING INFORMATION** regarding DNA.

- “Think of it {DNA} as a **little microprocessor** that regulates everything.”
- “**Each cell** in the human body contains more information than in **all thirty volumes** of *Encyclopedia Britannica*.”
- “What is encoded on the DNA inside every cell of every living creature is purely and simply **written information**.”

In the course of the interview Dr. Bradley quoted **CARL SAGAN**. SAGAN once said, “**The receipt of a single message from space**” would be enough to know there is intelligence out there.

With that thought in mind, **DR. BRADLEY SAID**:

“And if a single message from space is enough for us to conclude there’s an intelligence behind it, then what about the vast amounts of information contained in the DNA of every living plant and animal? . . . It’s certainly reasonable to make the inference that this isn’t the random product of unguided nature, but it’s the unmistakable sign of an Intelligent Designer . . .”

(Lee Strobel, *The Case for Christ*, pages 93, 99, 109-111)

S THINK ABOUT IT. Every cell in your body has a system of design more advanced than the program that operates a computer. **Who threw that bucket of information out and lined it up in order to form man?**

#1. THE CREATION HAD A BEGINNING

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#3. THE CREATION IS SUBSERVIENT TO THE CREATOR

S ONE OF THE PROOFS GOD IS THE CREATOR IS THAT CREATION SUBMITS TO HIM. It is **LOGICAL** that things created would be submissive to the one who created them. If I fashion something, it is subservient to me. If I make **A CLAY POT**, I can paint it, fill it with water, or hide it in a closet. I made it and it must submit to me.

S TESTIMONIES OF CREATION’S SUBMISSION TO GOD ARE NUMEROUS:

OLD TESTAMENT

- 1) **THE FLOOD** (Gen 6)
- 2) **THE TEN PLAGUES** in Egypt (Ex 5)
- 3) **THE CLOUD IN THE WILDERNESS** led the way (Ex 13:21)
- 4) **THE MANNA** in the desert provided food (Ex 16:15)
- 5) **THE RED SEA** divided and they walked across on dry ground (Ex 15)
- 6) **THE WATER FROM A ROCK** (Ex 17:6)
- 7) **THE ROD PRODUCED FRUIT OVER NIGHT** (Num 17:8)
- 8) **THE JORDAN RIVER STOPPED FLOWING** and they walked across on dry ground during flood season (Joshua 3)
- 9) **THE SUN STOOD STILL** for battle (Joshua 10:13)
- 10) **THE EARTH OPENED** (Numb 16:32)
- 11) **THE AXE HEAD FLOATED** (2 Ki 6:6)
- 12) **THE FIRE** did not destroy S.M.A. (Dan 3)
- 13) **THE MOUTHS OF THE LIONS** were stopped and Daniel was preserved (Dan 6)

NEW TESTAMENT

- 1) **JESUS CALMED A STORM** because Jesus told it to stop blowing (Mark 4:39)
- 2) **JESUS FED FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE** with **FIVE LOAVES** and **TWO FISHES** (Mat 14)
- 3) **HE HEALED DISEASED FLESH:** the **blind**, the **leper**, the **lame**, etc.

- 4) **JESUS TURNED WATER INTO WINE**
- 5) **HE WALKED ON WATER** (Mat 14)
- 6) **JESUS RAISED THE DEAD** (John 11:43-44)
- 7) **JESUS' RESURRECTION** was the **GRAND DADDY OF THEM ALL**. **SIX TIMES** the New Testament records three simple words in this order, "... **HE IS RISEN** ..." **Four times** those three words are accompanied by three additional words "... **FROM THE DEAD** ..." Jesus had power over death.
- 8) **AFTER THE RESURRECTION JESUS ENTERED THE UPPER ROOM THROUGH A SHUT DOOR** (John 20:26).
- 9) **JESUS DEFIED THE LAWS OF GRAVITY AT HIS ASCENSION** (Acts 1:9; Luke 24:51)
- 10) **PROOF IS ALSO SEEN IN THE CONSUMMATION** of the age. God will again affect this universe in such a major way at the end of the age that it will again demonstrate His lordship over creation. (More will be said about this matter later in this message)

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

#4. THE CREATION IS SUSTAINED BY THE CREATOR (PRESERVED)

(Col 1:17), "And he is before all things, and **BY HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST.**"

(Heb 1:3), "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **UPHOLDING ALL THINGS** by the word of his power, . . . "

- S **IT MAKES SENSE** that IF **GOD PUT CREATION TOGETHER, HE HOLDS IT TOGETHER**. There is a mystery to that truth. God does not reveal how He holds the creation together, He simply reveals that He does hold it together.
- S IT IS INTERESTING **with all our technology and science**, the many things we do not yet understand. **FOR EXAMPLE**, we know there is such a thing as **GRAVITY**. The English mathematician and scientist, **SIR ISAAC NEWTON**, formulated **THEORIES OF UNIVERSAL GRAVITATION** in **1687**. We know there is such a thing as gravity, but **WE DO NOT REALLY KNOW WHAT GRAVITY IS**. We do not understand why it works.
- S We flew over the Hanford Reservation the other day on the way to California. There is **A RESEARCH BUILDING** out there with two **long L SHAPED vacuum tubes** extending from it westward and northward the distance of 2-1/2 miles each direction. The building is called the **LIGO HANFORD OBSERVATORY**. **LIGO** stands for **LASER INTERFEROMETER GRAVITATIONAL WAVE OBSERVATORY**. The mission for that observatory is to use **mirrors and lasers** to **OBSERVE GRAVITATIONAL WAVES**.
- S I asked **A DOCTOR** a question the other day expecting a simple answer. I thought in this day of science and technology that such a question would have an easy answer. His answer was, "**Why is the sky blue?**" That was his way of saying he did not have a clue.

S The truth is there are many things in life about which we do not have a clue. There are **MANY MYSTERIES** in the universe that we do not yet understand. **EINSTEIN** was correct when he told his students there is much we do not yet understand.

S **ONE THING WE DO KNOW IS JESUS HOLDS THE CREATION TOGETHER.** We know that because God has revealed that secret to us.

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#5. THE CREATION IS TEMPORAL

(2 Cor 4:18), "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen **ARE TEMPORAL**; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

S **THIS WORLD IS NOT PERMANENT.** It is **NOT ETERNAL.** Creation is **GETTING OLDER** and without intervention it will eventually **run down.**

S **SCIENCE RECOGNIZES THAT FACT IN THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS.**

- 1) **THE FIRST LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS** states that **energy cannot be created or destroyed**, it is **only transferred** from one form to another.
- 2) **THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS** deals with the law of **ENTROPY**. Entropy speaks of the manner in which **matter and energy degenerate to a state of inert uniformity.** **ROLL A BALL** across the ground and it will eventually stop rolling.

According to **THE SECOND LAW OF THERMODYNAMICS THE UNIVERSE IS RUNNING DOWN.** It is that law that has caused some to conclude even **the speed of light** is less than it once was.

S **THE POINT — THIS WORLD IS GETTING OLDER.** Not only is it getting older, someday **IT WILL CEASE TO EXIST.**

S **DO NOT MISUNDERSTAND**, the fact that the world is getting older **does not mean** that its end will come as a result of old age. God has revealed **HOW** the world will end. **IT WILL CEASE TO EXIST BECAUSE THE GOD WHO CREATED IT** will, for lack of better words, **"UNCREATE" IT.** It stands to reason that if God **"DID IT,"** He has the power to **"UNDO" IT.**

S **MARK IT DOWN, CREATION IS TEMPORARY.** God has

revealed this planet has an end.

S IN LIGHT OF God's revelation regarding the consummation of this world, WEIGH YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF CREATION.

(Isa 51:6), "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for **THE HEAVENS SHALL VANISH AWAY LIKE SMOKE**, and the earth **SHALL WAX OLD LIKE A GARMENT**, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: **BUT** my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished."

(Heb 1:10-12), "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: {11} **THEY SHALL PERISH**; but thou remainest; and **THEY ALL SHALL WAX OLD** as doth a garment; {12} And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and **THEY SHALL BE CHANGED**: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail." (read **Psa 102:25-27**)

(Luke 21:33), "**HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY**: but my words shall not pass away."

(Isa 34:4), "And all **THE HOST** {NIV, "stars"} **OF HEAVEN** shall be dissolved, and **THE HEAVENS** shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all **THEIR HOST** {NIV, "all the starry host"} shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree." (**Mat 24:29**; **Rev 6:13-14**)

(2 Pet 3:10), "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which **the heavens shall pass away** with a great noise, and **the elements shall melt** with fervent heat, the earth also and **the works that are therein shall be burned up**."

(Rev 20:11), "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face **THE EARTH AND THE HEAVEN FLED AWAY**; and **THERE WAS FOUND NO PLACE** for them." (Where were they standing?)

S THAT IS A FRIGHTENING THOUGHT. THE SCENE seems to take place **OUTSIDE of TIME & SPACE** as we know it. There is **NO "TOPOS"** ("place") for them. We get the English word "**topography**" from "topos." **ALL THAT STUFF** we call "**REAL**" will have passed away. **THERE WILL BE NO land**, no **mountains**, no **caves**, no **valleys**, no **rocks**, no **oceans**, no **sky**, etc. **THE ONE WHO "UPHOLDS ALL THINGS"** stops **upholding** them and they are gone.

S WHAT REMAINS IS THE ONE TO WHOM MANKIND MUST GIVE AN ACCOUNT.

THERE IS GOOD NEWS — GOD IS GOING TO CREATE A NEW WORLD TO REPLACE THE OLD WORLD

(Isa 65:17), "For, behold, I create **NEW HEAVENS** and a **NEW**

EARTH: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind."
(Isa 66:22)

(2 Pet 3:13), “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

(Rev 21:1), “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; . . . ”

- **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT — HOW LONG** will it take Him to create the new world?
- **BEFORE WE ANSWER** that question, it might be good to remember all the questions that God asked **JOB**.

- #1. **THE CREATION HAD A BEGINNING**
- #2. **THE CREATION BEARS THE MARKS OF THE CREATOR**
- #3. **THE CREATION IS SUBSERVIENT TO THE CREATOR**
- #4. **THE CREATION IS SUSTAINED BY THE CREATOR**
- #5. **THE CREATION IS TEMPORAL**

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

In the next message we will consider **THE CREATURE**. It is of vital importance that we understand what the Creator has said about the creature. A person’s sense of purpose will be greatly strengthened by an understanding that he is not just a random arrangement of cells. We are persons created in the image of the Creator God Himself.