

# JESUS CHRIST IS THE CREATOR

## (PART 3 — THE CREATURE)

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.”

**DR. DONALD CHITTICK** has an INTERESTING COMMENT REGARDING **GOD’S NAME**. He stated that he prefers to call God **THE CREATOR** because the name God means so many different things in our culture. The name Creator is very definite.

### **THE CREATOR’S DESCRIPTION OF HIS CREATION OF MAN IS FOUND IN GENESIS 1 and GENESIS 2**

**(Gen 1:26-31)**, “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. {27} So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. {28} And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. {29} And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. {30} And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. {31} And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”

**(Gen 2:7)**, “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

**(Gen 2:17)**, “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

THE FOLLOWING **OUTLINE** has served as our road map for two previous messages on creation. This third message focuses on **III. THE CREATURE**

#### **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

- S The Bible is a book about the **CREATOR, CREATION and CREATURES**. The word "CREATURE" appears **29X's** in the KJV (**37X's** in NIV).
- S "CREATURE" MEANS **ALL LIVING THINGS**. It refers to things as small as a single cell **protozoan** and to things as large as an ocean going **whale**. The word "CREATURE" includes **angels**. Angels are not gods, they are creatures created by God.
- S "CREATURE" also means **MANKIND**. **THE FOCUS** of this message is upon **THE CREATURE CALLED "MAN."** We will look at **FIVE FACTS** related to man as revealed in the Scripture.



- S **DR. KENT HOVIND** began one of his creation seminars by restating **THE FOUR BASIC QUESTIONS THAT EVERY PERSON ASKS**:
  - 1). **Who am I?**
  - 2.) **Where did I come from?**
  - 3). **Why am I here?**
  - 4). **Where am I going?**
  - **EVERY HUMAN BEING** asks those questions at some point in their life. As a result **EVERY RELIGION** in the world attempts to answer those questions. **EVEN ATHEISM** attempts to answer those questions.
  - **ANSWERS TO THOSE FOUR QUESTIONS CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO BASIC & OPPOSING CATEGORIES** called **WORLD VIEWS**.
    - 1) **ONE WORLD VIEW** states **THERE IS A GOD** and He is the creator of everything that exists.
    - 2) **THE OTHER WORLD VIEW** holds **THERE IS NO GOD** and therefore God is not responsible for anything that exists.
  - **A RUSSIAN ATHEIST ASTRONOMER** once acknowledged those two world views when he said, **"Either there is a God or there is not and both possibilities are frightening."** His conclusion is true, **"Both possibilities are frightening."** (Kent Hovind)
    - 1) **IF THERE IS A GOD**, and if He is who the Bible has revealed Him to be in the person of Jesus Christ, we are accountable to Him. It is as **BILLY GRAHAM** once said, "If Jesus Christ is who He claimed to be, the most important thing anyone will ever do is get to know Him." **IF GOD DOES EXIST**, nothing is more important in life than getting to know Him because He is God.

- 2) ON THE OTHER HAND, **IF THERE IS NO GOD**, that is a frightening thought, too. **KENT HOVIND** phrased it so well, “We are spinning through space at **sixty-six thousand miles per hour and no one is in charge.**” If there is no God, we are a mass of evolving cells that are headed who knows were.
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**KING DAVID ADDS A FIFTH IMPORTANT QUESTION:**  
**(Ps 8:4)**, “**WHAT IS MAN**, that thou art mindful of him? . . . ”

**S** IT IS INTERESTING **WHAT PROVOKED DAVID** TO ASK THAT QUESTION:

**(Psa 8:1, 3)**, “O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! **who hast set thy glory above the heavens.** . . . {3} **When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; WHAT IS MAN**, that thou art mindful of him? . . . ”

**DAVID CONTEMPLATED THE MAGNITUDE OF GOD’S CREATION** and wondered how the God so mighty that He could create the universe could possibly be interested in man. So David asked, “**What is man, thou art mindful of him?**”

**S** THAT IS A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION and IT DESERVES A THOUGHTFUL ANSWER.

- TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION **INCORRECTLY** is to open the door to **A THOUSAND HORRORS**. Many of the **FEARS** experienced in the world and in our land today are the result of wrong answers to that question. Some of the incorrect answers to that question have released **the demons of hell** upon society’s corporate thinking.
- THE REASON IS **WE ARE WHAT WE THINK! WE MUST think the right thing** if we are going to do the right thing. **IF WE THINK THE WRONG THING, WE WILL DO THE WRONG THING**. What a person **BELIEVES** results in how a person **ACTS**. The word **BELIEVE** is made up of two words **LIVE** and **BY**. **WHATEVER** a person **BELIEVES**, he **LIVES BY**.  
**(Prov 23:7)**, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he . . . ”
- **HITLER IS AN EXAMPLE**. HE **DID WRONG** BECAUSE HE **THOUGHT WRONG**. HE **BELIEVED CERTAIN OTHER HUMAN BEINGS** were nothing more than animals, therefore he **TREATED THEM AS** nothing more than **ANIMALS**. He slaughtered them at will.
- Some people see themselves as **NOTHING MORE THAN AN ADVANCE ANIMAL**. Is it any wonder they **ACT LIKE ANIMALS?** Their morals are little different from an **ALLEY CAT**

because they see themselves as little more than an advanced version of an animal.

S **WHEN** the creature gets away from the guidance from the Creator, he is left to grope in darkness. Perhaps you have purchased an expensive piece of **ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** and misplaced the **instructions**. Your equipment became **basically useless** without those instructions. **That is how life tends to become** when the creature attempts to live separate from the Creator.

S **THIS IS WHY** it is so important that we understand what God has revealed man to be.

S CONSIDER **FIVE FACTS** THE CREATOR HAS REVEALED REGARDING MAN as the Scripture answers THE QUESTION: **"WHAT IS MAN?"** This information comes from **God's instruction book** for life — **the BIBLE**.

FIVE FACTS REGARDING MAN

- #1. MAN WAS A **CREATED**
- #2. MAN WAS CREATED IN THE **IMAGE OF GOD**
- #3. MAN WAS GIVEN **DOMINION** OVER CREATION
- #4. MAN WAS CREATED **MALE AND FEMALE**
- #5. MAN BECAME IN NEED OF **RE-CREATION**

## **#1. MAN WAS CREATED**

**(Gen 1:27)**, "So **GOD CREATED** MAN . . . "

S **"BARA'"** (baw-raw')

S This verb is used of God alone. It is the word used to describe creation itself.

**(Gen 2:7)**, "And **THE LORD GOD FORMED** MAN of the dust of the ground, . . . "

S **"YATSAR"** (yaw-tsar')

S **IT IS THE TECHNICAL WORD** often used to describe **THE POTTER AT WORK** (Isa. 29:16; Jer. 18:4,6). **IT MEANS "to form," "to fashion," "to frame."**

**(Isa 45:12)**, "I have made the earth, and **CREATED** (baw-raw') **MAN UPON IT**: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded."

S **WE ARE NOT GOD. WE ARE CREATURES. THERE IS ONE GOD** and He is **NOT US!**

**(Psa 100:3)**, "Know ye that the **LORD** he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves . . . "

S **IT IS AMAZING THE AMOUNT OF SORROW PRODUCED** by people who have **confused this simple truth**. The moment a person begins to think that he is a god is the moment he begins to lose balance in relationship to other people. **HISTORY** has recorded **MANY KINGS** who have thought of themselves as gods. **PHARAOH OF OLD** is a good example. **NEBUCHADNEZZAR OF OLD**

thought himself to be a god. He was willing to throw three believers in the One True God into a fiery furnace because they refused to worship his idol. **THE ANTICHRIST** will someday set himself up as God and demand worship. He will slaughter all those who refuse to submit to his decree.

S **MARK IT DOWN AND NEVER FORGET IT, THERE IS ONE GOD AND MANKIND IS HIS CREATION. People are not God. Angels are not God. Satan, a fallen angel, is not God. GOD ALONE IS GOD.**

**(Isa 37:16)**, "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, **THOU ART THE GOD, EVEN THOU ALONE**, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth."

THAT TRUTH HAS A TWOFOLD APPLICATION FOR EACH OF US:

**#1. WE ARE TOTALLY DEPENDENT UPON GOD FOR OUR EXISTENCE**

**(Acts 17:28)**, "For in him we **live, and move, and have our being . . .**"

S **HEROD** made a speech and the people said, "**It is the voice of a god.**" God was not impressed.

**(Acts 12:23)**, "And **immediately the angel of the Lord smote him**, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost."

S **WE ARE DEPENDENT UPON GOD FOR OUR EXISTENCE. WE ARE NOT SELF-EXISTENT any more than CREATION itself is self-existent.** Apart from God we have no existence.

S **JESUS SAID**  
**(John 15:5)**, ". . . FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING."

S **JAMES WROTE**  
**(James 4:14-16)**, ". . . For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. {15} For that YE OUGHT TO SAY, **IF THE LORD WILL, WE SHALL LIVE, AND DO THIS, OR THAT.** {16} But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil."

S **IT IS A GOOD DAY** in a person's life when he **humbles himself and acknowledges God** as the creator and himself as the creation. It is a good day when a person stops living the life of **an atheist** and starts living life as **God's submissive servant.**

#1. WE ARE DEPENDENT UPON GOD

**#2. WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD**

S **JESUS SAID**  
**(Mat 12:36)**, "But I say unto you, That **every idle word** that men shall speak, they shall **GIVE ACCOUNT** thereof in the day of judgment."

S **SOLOMON** was one of the wisest men to ever live. He wrote: (**Ecc1 12:13-14**), "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. {14} For **GOD SHALL BRING EVERY WORK INTO JUDGMENT**, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

S **AN ELDERLY PATIENT** in the hospital discovered I was a preacher. I had never met the man until that day. Once he discovered I was a preacher, he quoted a Bible verse from memory. He said: (**Heb 9:27**), "... It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

That was his way of indicating he understood he was **accountable** to God.

S **THE DAY IS COMING** in which every human being will stand before God **TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT** of his or her life to God. **GOD IS ABSOLUTELY INESCAPABLE**. He is **the potter** and we are **the clay**.

#1. MAN WAS A CREATED

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

**GENESIS 1 REVEALS THE CREATION ORDER:**

DAY 5 — God created **FISH & BIRDS**

DAY 6 — God created **LAND CREATURES, ANIMALS & MAN**

**GENESIS 1:27-28 REVEALS MAN'S UNIQUENESS AMONG ALL GOD'S CREATURES**

(**Gen 1:26**), "And God said, Let us make man in **OUR IMAGE**, after **OUR LIKENESS**: . . ."

(**Gen 1:27**), "So God created man **IN HIS OWN IMAGE**, in **THE IMAGE OF GOD** created he him; . . ."

**MAN IS UNIQUE & DIFFERENT** from all other **ANIMALS**. **ONLY MAN** was declared by God to have been made in the **CREATOR'S IMAGE**. God placed mankind on **A HIGHER PLATEAU** than any other creature.

**WHAT DOES BEING MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE MEAN?** It would have been **HELPFUL** had God placed a passage in the Bible that spelled out 1,2,3 the exact meaning of being made in the image of God. There is no such passage. Taking the whole of Scripture does give greater understanding.

**BEING MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE MEANS AT LEAST THREE THINGS**

### **#1. WE SHARE IN GOD'S NATURE**

S When we study **THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**, we are focusing on **God's nature**. God **has shared some** of His attributes with mankind. He has not shared all His attributes, but he has shared some. God has shared with us the attributes of **truth, holiness, justice** and **love**.

S **WITHOUT QUESTION OUR ABILITY TO PROPERLY EXPRESS** and **EXERCISE** God's shared nature has been

greatly **MARRIED BY OUR SIN**. Nonetheless we have been granted **great privilege** and **responsibility** on account of God making us in His image. We should never take that privilege for granted.

S **THEREFORE** we should make **discovering, knowing** and **practicing** those attributes a major priority in our lives.

#1. WE SHARE IN GOD'S NATURE

## #2. WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO PERSONALLY KNOW GOD IN SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP

S AS FAR BACK AS **HISTORY** GOES, mankind has been **A CREATURE THAT WORSHIPED**. He may not have worshiped the One True God, but still he worshiped. It is as if worship of God were a part of man's very nature.

S **ANOTHER INTERESTING POINT** — as far back as history goes, **ONLY MANKIND HAS WORSHIPED**. There is no record of animals ever worshipping. There is no account of a coyote, bear, rabbit, monkey, etc., ever building an altar and worshipping God.

S Human beings are **UNIQUE** and **DIFFERENT** from all other animals. There is good reason to believe **THE IMAGE OF GOD** accounts for that difference.

S **SCRIPTURE TELLS US** who it is that responsible for that **IMAGE**.

- **(Gen 1:27)**, "So **GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, . . .**"
- **GOD MADE MAN** with the capacity to worship. **GOD ALSO MADE ANIMALS WITHOUT** the capacity to build an altar and worship God.

#1. WE SHARE IN GOD'S NATURE

#2. WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO KNOW GOD PERSONALLY

## #3. WE EXIST FOREVER

S **PEOPLE NEVER CEASE TO EXIST**. **This world** will cease to exist, but people will exist forever. **SOME PERSONS** will live forever with God, while **OTHER PERSONS** will exist forever separated from God.

S **A MAN ONCE TOLD ME** when he died he would be like **an old dead cow** out in the pasture. He believed he would be **dead and gone forever**. He believed in the doctrine of **ANNIHILATION**. That is not what God has revealed.

S **THAT IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH WHAT THE CREATOR HAS REVEALED**. **JESUS SAID** **(Mat 25:46)**, "And these shall go away into **EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT**: but the righteous into

## LIFE ETERNAL."

#1. MAN WAS A CREATED

#2. MAN WAS CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

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

S The Hebrew word for DOMINION is "**RADAH**" (raw-daw') and means: "to prevail against;" "to rule over." The NIV translates it as "RULE OVER."

(**Gen 1:26**), "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and **LET THEM HAVE DOMINION** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and **OVER ALL THE EARTH**, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

(**Gen 1:28**), "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **SUBDUE IT**: and **HAVE DOMINION** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and **OVER EVERY LIVING THING** that moveth upon the earth."

S **GOD HAS DRAWN A CLEAR DISTINCTION** between animals and man. Man is in **A CATEGORY ALL BY HIMSELF. NOT ONLY IS** man made in **the image of God**, man has also been **granted dominion** over all other animals.

S **ISN'T IT INTERESTING** that all other creatures are **FEARFUL OF HUMAN BEINGS?** An animal may attack a human being, but they will almost always flee if they are given half a chance.

S **QUESTION — WHO WROTE** that fear of man into the animal's heart.

S **QUESTION — WHO GAVE MAN DOMINION OVER CREATION? WAS IT CHANCE?** Did it result from **THE MOST DEVELOPED SPECIES** TAKING CONTROL? That is the explanation **EVOLUTION** offers. That is **NOT THE EXPLANATION THAT GOD OFFERS!** The Creator has revealed that He gave man dominion over creation.

- (**Psa 8:6**), "Thou madest him **TO HAVE DOMINION** over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:"
- **GOD DID IT!** God is responsible for the difference between man and animal.

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WHAT DOES IT **MEAN** TO HAVE DOMINION OVER CREATION?

S **PERHAPS GEN 2 HELPS ANSWER** (**Gen 2:15**), "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden **TO DRESS IT** and **TO KEEP IT**." (NIV, "**to work it and to take care of it**")

S **WE ARE STEWARDS** of God. We are **RESPONSIBLE** to God for taking care of His creation. We are His representatives on earth.

## S IN REGARD TO DOMINION, MAN TENDS TO MAKE TWO MISTAKES:

### 1) HE SENSELESSLY ABUSES THE CREATION

- He does **not work it**. He does **not take care of it**.
- **God is not served when** someone takes God's creation and **SENSELESSLY ABUSES IT**.
- It is interesting to realize there is very little in Scripture that addresses the abuse of creation. That is interesting in light of all the emphasis that modern society places on the abuse of creation. You can't help but ask why the Creator said so little about misuse of the creation. Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that God made the creation for man to use. He made trees so they could be cut down and be made into houses. He also made trees to grow back after they were cut down. He made fish to catch and to eat.
- Nevertheless, it is possible to abuse the creation and that is a mistake. We should be responsible stewards of God over His creation.

### 2) HE WORSHIPS THE CREATION

(Rom 1:25), "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."

- **MANKIND HAS ALWAYS HAD A TENDENCY TO ELEVATE THE CREATION** above the level God intended. The **EGYPTIANS** in **MOSES DAY** were an example. The **TEN PLAGUES** were directed at their **cows**, and **lice**, and **frogs**, and **river** because those things had been elevated to a level of being gods. God proved that they were not gods when He took charge over them.
- IF **WE AS A PEOPLE GET AWAY** from the truths God has revealed regarding creation, **WE TOO WILL RETURN** to that kind of **ENSLAVING DOCTRINE**. Believing wrong will eventually lead to doing wrong.
- When a person begins to treat **A TREE** as if it had equal standing before God as does a human being, their doctrine is **GRIEVOUSLY FLAWED**. When a **fish**, or an **owl**, or a **moose** is granted equality with man, it is not in accord with God's revelation.
- **WHAT A TRAGEDY** when such false doctrine allows **A CHILD** to die of starvation while **A COW** eats green grass out in the front yard.
- **A YOUNG MAN** once implied that a **MOOSE HAD JUST AS UNIQUE A STANDING IN GOD'S SIGHT** as did a human being. That view has **many advocates** in our day, but according to the Word given to us by **THE CREATOR**, that view is severely **OFF BASE**. Only mankind is created in **THE IMAGE OF GOD**.

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- #3. MAN WAS GIVEN DOMINION OVER CREATION

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

**(Gen 1:27)**, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; **MALE AND FEMALE** created he them."

GOD REVEALED

**S ADAM WAS CREATED FIRST FROM THE DUST OF THE GROUND**

**(Gen 2:7)**, "And the LORD God formed man **OF THE DUST OF THE GROUND**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

- NOTICE THAT IT **DOES NOT SAY** that ADAM EVOLVED from **another animal**. He was created from inorganic matter. Mankind was created **separate** and **apart** from all other animals. Many is **unique**.

**S EVE WAS CREATED FROM ADAM'S RIB**

**(Gen 2:21-22)**, "... The LORD God caused a **deep sleep** to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and **he took one of his ribs**, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; {22} And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man."

- 1) **THAT MEANS ADAM AND EVE WERE BIOLOGICALLY RELATED**. Creating Eve from Adam's rib guaranteed that Adam and Even would be made up of the same chemicals and genetic code. Not only would they biologically related, all **THEIR DESCENDANTS** would be biologically related, too. It is true that all **races** of all nations are related. We all have the same **grandparents**.

**SCRIPTURE VERIFIES** the biological link between all human beings.

**(Acts 17:26)**, "And hath made **OF ONE BLOOD** all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;"

**SCIENCE ALSO VERIFIES** the biological link among all human beings. The new **GENOME DNA CODE** reveals that link. Do you realize **HAD HUMANS EVOLVED** from separate evolving creatures, that code would not have matched? Had Eve been created apart from Adam's rib she might not have matched that code. Adam, Eve and their descendants (that is "us") are biologically related because God created us in such a manner.

- 2) **ADAM & EVE WERE CREATED MALE and FEMALE BY GOD'S DESIGN**

- **A VOICE IS BEING SOUNDED TODAY** that

**ATTEMPTS TO DIMINISH GOD'S DISTINCTION** between male and female. It is as if the male and female distinction was **some cosmic mistake**.

- **ONE EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVE** suggests that eventually **THE MALE-FEMALE DISTINCTION WILL COMPLETELY VANISH**.
- **EVOLUTION** not only teaches that man has evolved, it teaches that **MAN IS STILL EVOLVING**. If that opinion were true, then what man is today is not what he will be a million years from now.
- Some versions of **EVOLUTION** suggest **THE WHOLE UNIVERSE** is still evolving. I heard a preacher once say that **GOD HIMSELF** is evolving. He had totally ignored God's revelation.

**(Heb 13:8)**, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

**(Mal 3:6)**, "For I am the LORD, I change not . . ."

GOD CREATED MAN AS **MALE AND FEMALE** and that distinction will never diminish because of some evolutionary process. Neither will some evolutionary process make **HOMOSEXUALITY** an acceptable alternate lifestyle. It is not in accord with God's design. The Creator's design is that they be male and female.

**Mal 3:6**, "For I am the LORD, I change not . . ."

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

GOD WARNED ADAM & EVE

**(Gen 2:17)**, "But of **THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL**, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **THOU SHALT SURELY DIE**."

S **THEY ATE** and **IT AFFECTED THE ENTIRE CREATION**.

**(Rom 8:22)**, "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

S **THEY ATE** and **THEY DIED**. Eventually they died physically, but immediately they died spiritually. They fell. The image of God was adversely affected.

S **THEIR SIN RESULTED IN GOD DRIVING THEM FROM THE GARDEN**.

**(Gen 3:22-24)**, "And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, **AND LIVE FOR EVER**: {23} Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. {24} So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of

the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

- S **WHAT GOD HAD INTENDED** us to be is not what we are in the fullest sense because sin entered the picture.
- S **AS A RESULT OF THEIR SIN ADAM & EVEN NEEDED HELP.** As their biological descendants we all needed help. We all stood in need of **regeneration.**
- S **THE GOOD NEWS IS** God provided a solution. God took on human flesh and became a man. He died on a cross taking our sin upon Himself. He bore the penalty of our sins in His own body on the cross. At the same time He took His righteousness and deposited it in the lives of all who trusted in His Son.
- IT IS NO COINCIDENCE that Jesus is referred to as **THE LAST ADAM.** What the first Adam was incapable of doing because of his sin, the last Adam accomplished because of His obedience. The second Adam offered the perfect sacrifice.
- (1 Cor 15:45), "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."
- S **WHEN THE LAST ADAM IS RECEIVED HE IS ABLE TO BRING SALVATION.**
- (John 1:12), "But as many as **RECEIVED** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"
- (NIV 2 Cor 5:17), "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is **A NEW CREATION**; the old has gone, the new has come!"
- S Part of that regeneration is realized **immediately** upon receiving Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior. Part of it will not be realized until we go to be with the Lord.

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ACCORDING TO **SOME ACCOUNTS OF EVOLUTION** there was **NO FALL OF MAN.** There is no **DOCTRINE OF SIN.** Man is the way he is simply because **he evolved** that way. Therefore it concludes there is no need for human redemption.

**IF YOU DOUBT THAT, LISTEN TO WHAT G. RICHARD BOZARTH WROTE IN THE *AMERICAN ATHEIST* :**

"Christianity has fought, still fights, and will continue to fight science to the desperate end over evolution, because evolution destroys utterly and finally the very reason Jesus' earthly life was supposedly made necessary. Destroy Adam and Eve and the original sin, and in the rubble you will find the sorry remains of the Son of God. If Jesus was not the redeemer who died for our sins, and this is what evolution means, then Christianity is nothing." (G. Richard Bozarth, 'The Meaning of Evolution', *American Atheist* 20 September, 1979, p. 30.)

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I WANT TO CONCLUDE WITH WHAT I CONSIDER **THE WEAKNESSES OF EVOLUTION** BASED ON A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE.

Before I share those thoughts with you, let me acknowledge two things:

- 1) There is a difference between what is called "**MICRO EVOLUTION**" and "**MACRO EVOLUTION.**" "Micro evolution" acknowledges there are **small VARIATIONS** or **ADAPTATIONS** among all the species. God has made creatures so that they adapt to their environment. It is true that in times of drought the beaks of a bird grow thicker and stronger because they have to work harder with their beaks in order to survive. At this time there is no evidence of "macro evolution." There is no proof that a fish has ever become a bird. There is no proof a bird has ever become a coyote. There are small adaptations among the species, but the species always remain the same species. That is in accord with what God has revealed, "**AFTER HIS KIND.**"
  
- 2) Understand that **MY DUTY** as a pastor is to present the Word of God. **I am not a scientist** presenting a scientific case against evolution. Though I do agree with the man who stated the discussion of evolution today is not an argument of **theology versus science**. Today the discussion of evolution can be waged on the basis **science versus science**. My duty as a servant of God is to present what the Creator has revealed. The Creator has clearly stated:  
**(Mat 24:35)**, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

**THERE ARE THREE GLARING WEAKNESSES WHEN EVOLUTION IS WEIGHED IN LIGHT OF THE SCRIPTURE.**

EVOLUTION DOES NOT MATCH THE BIBLICAL PICTURE OF

- 1) **THE CREATOR**
- 2) **THE CREATION**
- 3) **THE CREATURE**

(Those are the three titles of the three messages on creation)

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### 1) **THE CREATOR**

- S **THE BIBLE** paints a picture of God as **deliberate, life-giving, orderly** and **efficient**. God is described in Scripture as **GOOD!**
  
- S Evolution paints a picture of **death, randomness, inefficiency, mistakes, wastefulness, slowness, chance, survival of the fittest.**

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### 2) **THE CREATION**

- S **7X's** God stated concerning what He had just created, "**AND IT WAS GOOD.**" **THE BIBLICAL EXPLANATION** for the "**BAD**" is that man fell into sin and that affected the entire creation, including man.
  
- S **THE EVOLUTIONARY EXPLANATION** for the "**BAD**" is the evolutionary process itself. It is the survival of the fittest.

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### 3) **THE CREATURE**

- S **10X's** in Genesis 1 God used the same three words to describe how all

the creatures multiplied on earth once they were created. They reproduced "**AFTER HIS KIND.**"

- **(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: . . .**"

S **Horses** reproduced horses. **Cows** reproduced cows. **Birds** reproduced birds. **Fish** reproduced fish. **Man** reproduced man.

S **NOWHERE DID GOD EVEN HINT THAT MAN EVOLVED FROM OTHER ANIMALS.** Just the opposite is true. **GOD CLEARLY STATED:**

**(Gen 2:7)**, "And the **LORD** God formed man **OF THE DUST OF THE GROUND**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

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**(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."

When the Creator redeemed us, He desired to redeemed every aspect of man. As **DR. DONALD CHITTICK** wrote, He redeemed us **spiritually, emotionally, morally** and **intellectually**. God wants His children to come to the place that His Word directs our world view. That is only possible as we allow His redemption to convert us **spiritually, emotionally, morally** and **intellectually**.