

# It Was Good

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## *Genesis 1:1-27*

### **INTRODUCTION**

- A. Many college professors destroy the faith of their students.
- B. This morning we want to examine the biblical account of Creation.
- C. Throughout the narrative, we are told God's creation "was good."
  - 1. How was this creation good?
  - 2. Every created thing was good in that it was beneficial to man.
  - 3. Let's examine and see how good this creation was.

### **GOD CREATED THE EARTH, vv. 1-5**

- A. The Scriptures affirm that God created the earth, v. 1.
  - 1. He did so "in the beginning."
    - a. Matter has not always existed--it was created.
    - b. This is the beginning of time.
  - 2. God actually created.
    - a. What exists does not stand here as some accident.
    - b. God planned everything that is.
- B. The earth was without form and void, v. 2.
  - 1. We know that planets form from gaseous clouds.
  - 2. As the gases cool, the planet becomes solid.
  - 3. This text perfectly harmonizes with that knowledge.
- C. God created light, v. 3.
  - 1. God spoke light into existence.
    - a. God's spoken word has power--everything was created just like God said.
    - b. Our God is a powerful God.
  - 2. God named the light and the darkness.
    - a. God had the right to name everything as he saw fit.
    - b. The fact that God named everything shows his authority over creation.
- D. Modern science says the Universe had a beginning.
  - 1. The Big Bang Theory supports this.
    - a. The Universe is growing apart the same in all directions.
    - b. If we go back in time, we come to a point where all the matter in the Universe was contracted to a single point.
      - 1) At this point, nothing existed.
      - 2) Nothing existed before the Big Bang.
    - c. The Big Bang Theory implies that the Universe came from nothing.
  - 2. The Second Law of Thermodynamics supports this.
    - a. The Second Law of Thermodynamics states that everything in a closed system runs down and eventually quits.
    - b. If the Universe is eternal, everything in it should have ran down by now.

### **GOD CREATED THE ANIMALS, vv. 20-25**

- A. God created a whole host of animals.
  - 1. Every animal which exists was created by God.
  - 2. God saw that animals filling the earth was good--it was beneficial.
- B. They each were created according to their own kind.
- C. Modern science supports this biblical account.
  - 1. The Law of Biogenesis supports this.
    - a. This law states that life arises only from existing life--life does

- not develop from non-living matter.
  - b. Martin A. Moe in Science Digest, Dec. '81 said, "A century of sensational discoveries in the biological sciences has taught us that life arises only from life."
- 2. What we know about mutations supports this.
  - a. Common evolutionary thinking is that mutations helped the evolutionary process.
  - b. Yet,
    - 1) Mutations do not take species further from their starting point.
    - 2) Genes actually prevent great mutations from taking place.
      - a) Genes will occasionally allow small changes to take place.
      - b) Yet, they only allow changes to occur within certain limits, and those limits cannot be crossed.

## **GOD CREATED MAN, vv. 26-28**

- A. God created man in his image, v. 26.
  - 1. There are ways that man is like God--God has an intellect, a will; he is eternal.
  - 2. Being made in God's likeness adds value to human life (Ps. 8:5).
- B. God gave man dominion over all created thing, v. 26.
  - 1. Man is higher than other created things.
  - 2. Man is the "apex" of the Creation.
- C. God created man male and female.
  - 1. God created men and women different.
    - a. God gave us different roles.
    - b. We need to understand and fulfill those roles.
  - 2. God created sexuality.
    - a. Therefore, God has a right to speak concerning sexuality.
    - b. Therefore, we need to keep ourselves pure.
- D. God told man to be fruitful and multiply.
  - 1. God created human reproduction.
  - 2. Many speak as though children are a burden.
    - a. Yet, children was God's plan.
    - b. God intended couples to have children.

## **CONCLUSION**

- A. What God did in creating the heavens and the earth is amazing.
- B. The same power that made this world can make us a "new creation" in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). Do you need to become that new creation?