

## The Bible View Of The World

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### Introduction.

- I. I would like to discuss with you “The Bible View of the World.”
  - A. Men have numerous questions about the origin, the purpose, and the destiny of the world.
  - B. The Bible gives the answers to many of these questions.
- II. It is very important that we know what the Bible says about the world.
  - I. **Origin Of The World** - The Bible tells us about the origin of the world.
    - A. **Scientists know the earth had a beginning and is not eternal.** This fact is supported by the second law of thermodynamics.
      1. The **first law of thermodynamics** states that although energy can change forms it cannot be either created or destroyed and therefore the sum total of energy remains constant.
      2. **Dr. Henry M. Morris**, in his book, “Studies in the Bible and Science,” gives an explanation of the second law of thermodynamics.

“The second law of thermodynamics states that any real process or system in which energy is being transformed into other forms, at least some of it is transformed into heat energy which cannot be converted back into other useful forms. That is, although none of the energy is destroyed, some of it deteriorates and become less useful and available for work than it was at the beginning of the process. In a more general sense, this law expresses the fact that in any closed system there must always be a decrease of order or organization, unless external energy or intelligence is applied to counteract the trend.

Again, since the universe as a whole can be considered as an aggregation of finite systems, this law implies that there is a continual decrease of useful energy for performing the work of running the universe or, in other terms, that there is a continual increase of disorder in the universe. The universe is therefore growing old, wearing out, running down, due ultimately to burn itself out when all of its useful energy is converted to unavailable heat energy and the entire universe reaches a constant uniform, low temperature, and ceases all its motions.” (Pages 59-60).
    - B. Though scientists now know the earth had a beginning and is running down, they have no answer concerning the origin of the world.

1. They have advanced many theories, but none of these theories have been proven and none are accepted by all scientists.
2. These theories vary from textbook to textbook and from generation to generation.

**C. The Bible informs us that the world began by divine creation.**

1. It was created by the eternal God. (Deut. 33:27; Psa. 90:1,2; Gen. 1:1).
  - a. Moses tells us “elohim” (God) created the world and universe.
  - b. The Hebrew word “bara” means to creature out of nothing. Only God can create.
  - c. We see from Genesis 1:26 that God did not act alone.
    - 1) “Elohim” is plural, but used with a singular verb. May be plural of majesty or may have some reference to the Godhead.
    - 2) Genesis 1:2 may be a reference to the work of the Holy Spirit in creation.
2. **God, in the beginning, created the world through His Son.** (Jn. 1:1-3; 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:15, 16; Heb. 1:1, 2).
3. The first chapter of the book of Genesis gives the record of how the world and the universe were created.
  - a. Listen as I read this chapter which was given through revelation to Moses by God. (Gen. 1:1-31).

**1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. 6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 And God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. 8 And God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. 9 ¶ Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, with seed in them, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit, with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. 13**

And there was evening and there was morning, a third day. 14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth ";and it was so.16 And God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. 17 And God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. 20 Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens." 21 And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. 24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so.25 And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; 30 and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food ";and it was so.31 And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. 2:2 And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work

which He had done. 2:3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. 2:4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven.

- b. This chapter is a very beautiful and concise way tells us of the creation of the heavens and the earth. It affirms that God created and formed all things in 6 days and then rested on the seventh day.
  - c. These days were **not long periods of time**, as some have falsely assumed, but were 24 hour solar days. Each had a morning and an evening. Furthermore, when a numeral is attached to the word “day” it is always used to refer to no more than a 24 hour period in the word of God. (Exod. 20:11).
3. The **second chapter gives us a historical recapitulation** or brief summary of what happened on the 6<sup>th</sup> day.
- a. God formed man out of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breathe of life on the 6<sup>th</sup> day. Man then became a living, breathing creature made in the likeness and image of God.
  - b. After God created man, He formed woman from the rib of man to be his companion and helper.
  - c. Adam and Eve were created intelligent adults and from their marriage the Bible teaches all humans have descended. The world has been populated by their children intermarrying with one another.
- D. **There are, of course , many questions about the origin of God’s creation that the Bible does not answer.** We will have to wait for these answers. The biblical writers, while not answering all our questions, have told us enough to justify faith in God as Creator and enough to inspire us to love the One who created all.

## II. Purpose Of The World - The Bible tells us of the purpose of the world.

- A. The **world is not an accident and is not without purpose** as the atheist often argues.
- B. The world exists for 3 principle reasons.
  1. The world and the whole creation were designed to **reflect the glory and honor of the Great God of heaven.** (Psa. 19:1).
  2. The world was created as **a temporary home for man.**
    - a. God made the world that man might have a place to dwell and so all his needs such as food, clothing, and shelter might be supplied.
    - b. The world exists that man might enjoy the beautiful and wonderful things that once were in the mind of God.
  3. The world was also created as **the place of man’s redemption.** God has made the world that man might be saved in it through Jesus and that man might glorify Him. (Matt. 5:16; 1 Cor. 10:31).

## III. The Destiny Of The World - The Bible tells us about the destiny of the world.

- A. Some believe the **world will endure forever.** Others think the world will become paradise. Both of these views are fallacious.

B. The Bible tells us **the world will end.** (Psa. 102:25, 26; Matt. 24:35; 28:20).

C. The Bible tells us the **world will be destroyed when Christ comes again.** (2 Pet. 3:10, 11).

1. Peter exclaims that the world will be annihilated. The elements, the minute particles which make up the universe, will be dissolved and the earth will be destroyed by fire.

2. **This sobering fact should cause us to live soberly and righteously in the world.** The way we live in the world will determine where we will spend eternity.

## **Conclusion.**

I. **The Bible gives us a factual and exalted view of the world.** It is in agreement with proven scientific facts.

II. The Bible view should be accepted by intelligent and honest people because it alone sets forth the facts by the One who has made the world, who sustains it, and who will destroy it.

III. **This concludes our lesson on “The Bible View of the World.”**

A. As we close this lesson we invite you to submit yourselves to the God who made you, who loves you, and who will save those who will serve and glorify Him in the world.

B. **Come to God through His Son - Jesus Christ.** Come and confess Christ Jesus, turn from your sins, and then be baptized in obedience to Christ that you might be saved. Come as stand and sing.

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