



God the creator

Genesis 1:20-31

Genesis 1:1-19; 2:1-25; Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 8; Psalm 104; Revelation 21:1-7.

Genesis chapters 1 and 2 state that God is the Creator. Evolution continues as a popular theory today but even evolution has to have a starting point, a Primary Cause. We must remember that it says in 2 Timothy 2:16, ***“Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly”.***

God created:

- The whole universe

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

- All human beings

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:26-27

- Angels

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. Colossians 1:16

- The Church

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. Ephesians 1:22-23

Every day is a thrilling opportunity and privilege.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24.

Do you go into each new day expectantly, prayerfully and full of faith in God the Creator?

In Genesis chapters 1 and 2 we read something of God's activity. God did not stop working after creation but continued to work. When Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, he called on God and God answered.

“Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.” 1 Kings 18:24

Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. 1 Kings 18:38

Some people criticise God by claiming He never does anything today. How wrong they are. He is creating every day now.

Just as only God could create the world and mankind, so only God can create a clean heart.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Through Jesus, and by the Holy Spirit, the world is being renewed and preserved.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Hebrews 1:3

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:17.

God is working towards a new creation.

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 2 Peter 3:13

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. Revelation 21:1

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Revelation 21:5

The Greek word here for 'new' indicates what is new in quality, like something that already exists but takes on a new form and appearance. ***“Making everything new!”*** is not, therefore, to 'make new things'. The amazing wonder for the world and for ourselves lies in the truth that the Omnipotence of God on His throne does not consist so much in His almighty power of creation, but in His even greater power of re-creation. The maker of heaven and earth does not only make all new things, but His is a far harder task of being the world's Redeemer, and of renewing what has gone wrong. Even more wonderful than God's ruling providence, ordering and sustaining all things in heaven and earth, is His overruling providence which can bring good out of evil, turning the wrath of men to His praise, and so make all things (even what is bad) work together for good for those who love and trust Him. So it is Christ, the Eternal Word, by His life, death and resurrection, who reveals our Heavenly Father chiefly as Redeemer and Re-creator.

Note - You always need to remember in these studies that, though God is the Father, He is also a member of the Trinity. The One in Three and Three in One.