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Seven truths about Creation

Facts that every Christian needs to hold as
vital beliefs and values

1. God created everything out of nothing



Hebrews 11:3 *By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was **not made out of what was visible.***

- ▶ God simply spoke... and creation happened
- ▶ Everything you see is an example of the creative mind of God
- ▶ If He only had to say it...how long could it have taken?
 - Argument about how long it took, is really an argument about how it was done!
 - Creation is not a matter of a natural energy process, but rather of a supernatural WORD!
- ▶ Creation fills us with majesty that we need to face the disappointments of life

2. All of God was involved in all of creation



Why did God create? Romans 11:36 **For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!**

1. God's Trinity is shown

- Genesis 1:26 *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness,*
- Colossians 1:16 *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.*
- Gen 1:2, *the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

2. God's Nature is shown

- Psa 19:1–2, *The heavens declare the **glory of God**; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.*
- Rom 1:20, *For since the creation of the world God's **invisible qualities**-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.*

3. Creation was done in order



God said, “Let there be **LIGHT**,...God called the expanse “sky”... “Let **water** under the sky be gathered to one place, and let **dry ground** appear...Let the land produce **vegetation**... Plants bearing seed according to their kinds... “Let there be **lights** in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years... Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth... Let the **land produce living creatures** according to their kinds ... Let us make **man** in our image ...” Gen 1:1-26 NIV

- ▶ Everyone believe in a well ordered universe
 - Evolution: order evolved out of chaos by chance!
 - Bible: order was created by design
- ▶ Creation is the orderly unfolding of the **MIND** and **PURPOSES** of God
 - This should motivate a security to face the complexity of life

4. God saw that it was “good”



God saw that the light was **good**... 1:4

God called the dry ground “land” and the gathered waters he called “seas” and God saw that it was **good**” 1:10

The land produced vegetation...And God saw that it was **good**” 1:12

“...to govern the day and the night and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was **good**” 1:18

So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, ... and every winged bird And God saw that it was **good**. 1:21

God made the wild animals ..., the livestock ..., and all the creatures that move along the ground ... And God saw that it was **good**. 1:25

God saw all that he had made, and it was **very good**. 1:31

- ▶ God’s creation is not evil in itself
- ▶ The world did not make people evil; people brought evil into the world
- ▶ Material things are not inherently bad
- ▶ Creation is designed to be enjoyed

5. Man is the crown of creation



NLT Psalm 8:3 When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers-- the moon and the stars you have set in place-- 4 what are mortals that you should think of us, mere humans that you should care for us? 5 For you made us only a little lower than God, and you crowned us with glory and honor. 6 You put us in charge of everything you made, giving us authority over all things

- ▶ His image in PERSONALITY: mind, will, emotions
- ▶ His image in SEXUALITY: male and female
- ▶ His image in MORALITY: conscience
- ▶ His image in SPIRITUALITY: ability to relate to God
 - Rom 5:11 NLT So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God-- all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.

6. God finished the job



Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth **were completed** in all their vast array.

Hebrews 4:3 For **only we who believe** can enter his place of rest. ... his place of rest has been ready **since he made the world**.

- ▶ The universe is not an “unfinished symphony”
- ▶ It is the finished work of a Master Creator who seeks to convince us of His wisdom, so we will trust Him
- ▶ The finished work has only been marred by presence of sin

7. God rested from creative work on 7th day



- ▶ To give an example to follow
 - Six days a week are set apart for your **daily duties and regular work**, but the seventh day is a **day of rest dedicated to the LORD your God**. For in six days the LORD made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; then he rested on the seventh day. That is why the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and **set it apart as holy**“Exodus 20:9–11
- ▶ To picture His plan for the ages
 - There remains, then, a Sabbath–rest for the people of God; **10 for anyone** who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as **God did from his**. 11 Let us, therefore, **make every effort to enter that rest**...Heb 4:9–11

3 things to remember about creation:



- ▶ God is the Creator
- ▶ God is the Sustainer
- ▶ God is the Owner

Note: we are part of creation. God is OUR Creator, Sustainer, and Owner

“When we give our lives to God, we just stop robbing what is rightfully His!”