

“**Through faith** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” (Heb 11:3)

“Now the serpent was more subtile than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said**, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Gen 3:1)

“And even as **they did not like to retain God in their knowledge**, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;” (Rom 1:28)

“*It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.” (Psa 118:8)

“And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?**” (Mat 14:31)

Mankind, beginning with Adam, and to the present day, has fallen prey to the unremitting and incessant insinuations of Satan against God’s sure word using the tactic of casting doubt. It has ever tragically succeeded in the downfall of man and it continues to be the most effective tool Satan has employed to wage war against the pinnacle of God’s creation, man, the one intended to reflect His own image and to remain in close fellowship

with his Maker, and subsequent to his fall into sin, his Redeemer.

Satan, the inveterate arch-enemy of God, perennially aims at the frustration of God's aims with His creation, to bring glory to Himself, and Satan's chief target is the Church of Jesus Christ, the body and bride of Christ, elect from before the foundation of the world. Satan, the father of the Lie and a murderer from the beginning, has been using his go-to weapon of propagating the lie that God is not the rightful object of men's fear and worship, and he continues to wreak havoc upon all men in general but, with greatest hatred and venom, upon the ones God chose to present to His Son as His holy bride - the ones upon whom He sovereignly and eternally has set His love, and known collectively as the Church, the ecclesia, the called-out-ones, the ones ordained to be witnesses to His glory before all the heavenly host.

While my lesson's focus is to take up the subject of God's creation of all things, ex nihilo, I bring up the matter of doubt as an attack upon God's veracity, and the infallible certitude of His word as given and preserved in Holy Scripture, because it is precisely at the outset of His revelation that Satan has been concentrating his attack especially in these last days.

Though Martin Luther, and the reformers with him, identified the article of justification by grace alone through faith alone as being the article upon which the Church stands or falls, I would point out that this doctrine, indeed all the doctrines of our most precious faith will ultimately crumble and disappear if ever we lose belief and trust in

these opening chapters of the beginning of God's revelation, specifically, in the historical, literal, actuality of the creation account as given, taken in its simplest, most straight-forward understanding, minus the attempts to reconcile what we find there with what the priests and priestesses of scientism tell us; which they imply makes necessary a different account of the beginning of all things, and the meaning, or lack thereof, of life.

The point I am making is that Satan has found his most useful tool to date to bring down God's glory in creation by directing modern man's search to find an alternate explanation for the origin and existence of the cosmos, so that man can assuage or alleviate his tortured, sublimated conscience, as he holds under, or "suppresses, the truth in unrighteousness."

It now remains for the faithful, yet preserved by grace, believers in God and in the infallible veracity of His word, to not fall prey to Satan's attacks from whatever bastions and strongholds that men have erected at Satan's behest, and to repel the onslaughts at the cost of our own lives, our own honor, our own reputation.

Scientists ought rather to be busying themselves in discovering the wonders of God's creation with the objective of finding exactly what the Word of God holds forth as truth, and not engage in a vain search for evidences that deny the God who made them and all things.

Men whose minds are darkened, and whose hearts are at enmity with the God of Holy Scripture quite naturally pursue an alternate explanation of how things became to

be. But certainly, men whose minds have had the light of the knowledge of God shine in their hearts, whose hearts have been made new by a supernatural working of God's Spirit, who have had the enmity removed and have been reconciled by God's grace, should not be the ones given to believe these lies forged in hell and crafted by the legions of His enemies.

“Then he said unto them, **O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:**” (Luk 24:25)

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became **vain in their imaginations**, and their **foolish heart was darkened**. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,” (Rom 1:21-22)

Recognize the opposition has an axe to grind. They did not wish to retain God in their thinking. To acknowledge the Bible as a true account of origins, is to, per force of logic, acknowledge the God of the Bible, and their accountability to Him, and their liability to His righteous judgment upon their treasonous denial to submit themselves to Him, and their usurpation of His Divine Sovereignty in making of themselves their own god.

The Genesis account of beginnings is manifestly an account of supernatural omnipotence operating completely outside the bounds of the natural order. Man cannot stand to accept this, again without acknowledging the transcendent, omnipotent God to whom all must bow

and give an account. A sober reflection of the difficulty in taking in the miraculous nature of this account should not really disturb or give pause to anyone who actually believes in an all-powerful, all-wise, eternal God, worthy of the name God, and that He is fully capable of doing anything outside and even against what the finite creature perceives as the natural order of things, and his ideas of natural 'laws', physics, chemistry and so on. Man cannot launch one of his robotic probes into the dimension of metaphysics to retrieve samples, take x-rays and photographs and return to fill in the gaps in his specious speculations of what the Deity is like or capable of.

Genesis presents an account of beginnings which confront man with unverifiable details and happenings which are beyond man's ability to account for based upon the current state of things, and are beyond his ability to measure, calculate, and extrapolate from, so that he must either humble himself before God who graciously reveals Himself in His creation and in the Divinely given revelation, or he must remain in his stubbornly, prideful rebellion and reject God's testimony and gin up a cosmology of his own imagination which writes God out of the picture.

We, as believers in the God of revelation, living in a time where a straightforward reading and understanding of these opening chapters of Genesis are scoffed at and laughed out of the court of serious consideration, must be ready to accept with a ready mind what God says

happened without guile, or feeling the need for reconciling or harmonizing this testimony with the contrived whims of unbelievers, however “scientific” and sophisticated they may sound. And we must be ready to withstand ridicule and persecution and still faithfully bear witness to the truth.

None of us can truthfully profess to be immune from doubts. But genuine, God-given faith will silence the testings of doubts with an unshakeable trust in God’s holy word. Notwithstanding their reputations and credentials, Men may and do lie, and as I use the term lie here, I include the misrepresentation of facts, taken as absolutely faithful in all respects to reality. God never does, nor can He. We do not have all the answers – we do not even know all the questions. For us to have all knowledge would dethrone God – which is exactly the import of man’s original downfall which brought on all of mankind’s’ misery and woe. We have civil unrest, social upheaval, bigotry, hatred, murder, pain, death, cancer, birth defects, heart attacks, covid and all the rest precisely traceable to a real historic Adam’s failure to believe God and take rather the lie that Satan proffered.

As we now undertake to examine this profession of Christian faith concerning the Biblical witness of God’s creation, the same trial that confronted Adam now confronts us. Will we trust implicitly and unhesitatingly God’s witness of the account of the beginning of all things, or will we take rather the inventions of men in the

employ of Satan to subvert His word and bring in damnable heresies that seek not the honor and kingdom of God, but it's obliteration.

“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and **oppositions of science falsely so called**: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.  
(1Tim 6:20-21)

## CHAPTER 4 Of Creation

### 1. It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

“The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” (Gen 1:2)

“All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.” (John 1:3)

“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.” (Col 1:16)

**for the manifestation of the glory of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness,**

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” (Psalm 19:1)

“The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.” (Psa 97:6)

“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!” (Psa 108:5)

“It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.” (Jer 51:15)

**in the beginning,**

a statement which insistently implies there was a beginning. Matter and energy are not eternal nor self-existent.

We are being told in this expression, in the beginning, that time itself was not and began to be an aspect of God's creative fiat. This phrase marks the beginning of time itself, and it is as if God made the first clock and started it running at just this point where all things began to be.

**"In the beginning**, God created the heavens and the earth." (Gen 1:1)

**"In the beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (Joh 1:1)

"And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth **in the beginning**, and the heavens are the work of your hands;" (Heb 1:10)

"They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from **the beginning of creation.**" (2Pe 3:4)

## to create or make of nothing

Where there was nothing, God spoke into being the universe and all it contains.

"as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and **calls into existence the things that do not exist.**" (Rom 4:17)

## the world, and all things therein,

" "You are the LORD, you alone. **You have made heaven**, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, **the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them;** and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you." (Neh 9:6)

“but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also **he created the world.**” (Heb 1:2)

**whether visible or invisible,**

**in the space of six days,**

the Scriptures throughout declare God as the only eternal existence and what is eternal can have nothing before itself.

“For **in six days** the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” (Exo 20:11)

“It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that **in six days** the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.” (Exo 31:17)

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, **visible and invisible**, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created **by him, and for him:**” (Col 1:16)

**and all very good.**

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.” (Gen 1:31)

## **2. After God had made all other creatures,**

**He created man,**

“I made the earth and **created man on it**; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host.” (Isa 45:12)

“Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: “I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself,” (Isa 44:24)

“The oracle of the word of the LORD concerning Israel: Thus declares the LORD, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man within him:” (Zec 12:1)

“I made the earth and **created man on it**; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host.” (Isa 45:12)

## male and female,

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Gen 1:27)

“He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,” (Mat 19:4)

## with reasonable and immortal souls,

reasonable - in more modern English – reasoning souls,  
souls capable of logical thought

immortal – in reference to man only, it refers to the survival of the soul of man beyond physical death. Physical death does not bring about annihilation or cessation of being.

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” (2Co 5:10)

“These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved.” (2Pe 2:17)

“And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.” (Luk 23:43)

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Mat 10:28)

## endued with knowledge,

## righteousness,

“And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:” (Col 3:10)

“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” (Eph 4:24)

## and true holiness

**after His own image,**

“See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.” (Ecc 7:29)

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Gen 1:27)

**having the law of God written in their hearts, and power to fulfill it;**

“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;” (Rom 2:14-15)

**and yet under a possibility of transgressing,**

**being left to the liberty of their own will, which was subject unto change.**

“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.” (Gen 2:17)

“Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.” (Ecc 7:29)

**Besides this law written in their hearts, they received a command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil;**

“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.” (Gen 2:17)

**which while they kept were happy in their communion with God,**

“These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.” (Gen 6:9)

“But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.” (Psa 4:3)

“Happy *is* the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.” (Pro 28:14)

“You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.” (Psa 4:7)

“Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. **Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.** My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. **But for me it is good to be near God;** I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.” (Psa 73:23-28)

“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” (Psa 37:4)

### **and had dominion over the creatures.**

“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 1:26)

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If one denies a real Adam and real Eve, many of the doctrines in the Bible (including the gospel) would be incoherent. On many occasions, New Testament authors connect a historic Adam and Eve to foundational doctrines which can no longer make sense if Adam and Eve were mythological.

Consider the following passages that refer back to a historic Adam and Eve:

- Jesus affirms the special creation of Adam and Eve at the beginning ([Mark 10:6](#)).
- Luke connects the human lineage of Jesus to Adam ([Luke 3:38](#)).
- Jesus links the doctrine of marriage to Adam and Eve ([Matthew 19:4-6](#)).
- Paul connects the doctrine of the church to Adam and Eve ([Ephesians 5:30-32](#)).
- Paul argues for family order because of Adam and Eve ([1 Corinthians 11:8-12](#)).
- **Paul attaches the origin of sin in the world to Eve ([1 Timothy 2:13-14](#)).**
- **Paul also connects death from sin to Adam ([Romans 5:12-14](#)).**

When God (in His word) says one thing and man contradicts it and says another – guess who’s wrong!?

**“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers,** walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, **all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.** For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.” ([2Pe 3:3-7](#)) ----- do you recognize a familiar current perspective in this verse that this passage characterizes as scoffers? Ever heard of the paradigm of “Uniformitarianism”? Without this paradigm,

*the modern 'scientific' methodology that gives us evolution as the explanation of how everything we see came to be completely falls apart. Recognize also that what has always driven, and continues to drive, evolutionary cosmology is the desperate attempt to destroy the authority of Holy Scripture and Scripture's God. The cry of evolutionary science is driven from the same cry we find in Luke 19:24 "But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us." (Luk 19:14) Fallen man is still trying to throw off the rightful rule and authority of the Creator. "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." (Psa 2:1-3). The God of creation has spoken, and the wise will do well to heed: "Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." (Psa 2:11-12)*

*As for my brothers and sisters in the Lord who live in a world that is hostile to our Lord and hates His word and lives in rebellion against him:*

**"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."  
(1Co 16:13)**

**"Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it.**

For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”” (Jos 1:6-9)

I recommend these resources for further study:

<https://answersingenesis.org>

<https://icr.org>

<https://youtu.be/UM82qxxskZE>

The last is a link to a movie that I strongly urge you to watch with your family.