



Part 1 (Lesson 8)

Evidence Confirming We Are Created By God

The Bible begins with the bold statement “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth!” (Genesis 1:1) In the same chapter (Genesis 1:26-28) the Bible proclaims that God created mankind in His own image and in His likeness! The importance of these 2 bold truth proclamations cannot be understated! Everything else in the Bible is dependent upon these 2 truths! The entire Christian worldview is based upon these 2 truths! If these 2 truths are not true then none of the Bible is true. If there is no Creator God, then there can be no God’s Word and no God’s Son. Today, many in the world claim that these biblical statements are not true and that there is no scientific evidence to confirm that there is a creator. Today, as Christians we need to not only know what we believe about critical issues such as this, but also why we believe and know these things are true! The truth is, there is an abundance of evidence that confirms what the Bible says is true! God did create the world and He did create humankind in His image and likeness. In this lesson we will touch on some of the evidence that confirms these truths.

I. Evidence Confirming That God Created the Heavens and the Earth

A. Read Romans 1:18-22 – To what percentage of people has God revealed Himself to?

(100%)

God has revealed Himself through **(the things He has made)**

God has revealed His **(invisible attributes)**, His **(eternal power)**

and His **(divine nature)** through the things He has made.

Note that we are told that no one has an excuse to not believe in God because **(that which is known about God has been clearly revealed to all through created things)**

When people deny God as the Creator and do not give Him thanks what are told in this passage happens to them? **(They become futile in their speculations, their foolish heart is darkened, and professing to be wise they become fools.)**

(Read the rest of Romans 1 (v. 23-32) and note how it reflects what we see in America and other nations today. We began teaching “Evolution” about 75 years ago and as a result we can see a culture now that looks very much like Romans 1:23-32)

B. According to Psalm 19:1 what do the heavens do? **(They declare the glory of God)**

C. **The Finely Tuned Universe** – Modern science has discovered that the entire universe is governed by various laws of physics and physical constants that are set at specific levels. Examples of these laws of physics and physical constants are The Force of Gravity, The Speed of Light, The Cosmological Constant, etc. There are at least 30 of these that are all set at very precise levels!!! It appears as though someone set all the levels (dials) exactly as they need to be for the universe to exist and function as it does. Any very slight difference in any of these would result in no galaxies, no stars, no planets, no life forms like us! It is all perfect! Both creation scientists and evolutionary scientists agree that this is true. This truth does not prove that God created the universe but is certainly powerful evidence that confirms what we would expect to see if Genesis 1:1 is true. The universe looks created!!! The best explanation evolutionists can come up with to explain this fine tuning is called the “Multiverse Theory” which says that there may be millions of universes, not just one. They say this increases the chances of one universe becoming perfect by random unguided processes. They admit they have no data to back this theory. We as Christians can point to this as confirming evidence that God created the world we live in!

D. **The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics** – One of the laws of Science is called “The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics.” It states that “the amount of usable energy in any closed system always decreases”. Simple stated this scientific law says that things always move from order to chaos when left on their own. It is also referred to as “Entropy”. The increase of “entropy” indicates the increase of chaos. Things fall apart! We can see this all around us. Stars are dying. Things on earth around us decay. Our bodies wear out. All of this is consistent with

the Bible's account of a created world impacted by sin and the fall of man. (see Genesis 2& 3) Things show signs of great order but also of signs of wearing down. None of this is consistent with the theory of evolution which says that this well ordered universe is the result of a massive explosion followed by random unguided processes. Evolution says it has been evolving, getting more and more ordered on its own. The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics contradicts the Theory of Evolution but confirms the biblical account!

E. **The Earth** - What do we learn about the Earth in Isaiah 45:18? **(It was created by God not to be a waste place but rather to be inhabited.)**

(Modern Science has now shown that for any planet to be inhabited it needs to meet at least 75 different parameters. These parameters include “being the right distance from the sun”, “having the right atmosphere”, “having the right electromagnetic field”, “having the right amount of liquid water”, “having the right size moon to control the tilt of the planet and the tides of its oceans”, “having the right tectonic plates”, etc. Amazingly, the Earth satisfies all of these parameters and much more, allowing it to be inhabited. No other place in the universe has been found that is capable of sustaining life forms like us. The Earth looks designed! This is another confirming evidence of creation!)

II. Evidence Confirming That We Are Created In God's Image and Likeness

A. What does Psalm 139:13-14 tell us about our origin? **(We are fearfully and wonderfully made. We were fashioned and knit together by God in our mother's womb.)**

B. **The Design of the Human Body** – The human body is like a finely crafted machine with intricate systems and special parts are functioning together to allow us to live. Life is very complex and everywhere we look in the human body we see amazing evidence of a designer and creator! Entire books have been written on this subject. Consider these few examples as just a very small sample of the complexity and wonder seen everywhere within the human body.

The Circulatory System involves enough blood vessels to circle the entire earth 2 ½ times if connected end to end. This system is controlled by the

human heart which is so efficient that the greatest minds in the world have never been able to improve upon its design.

The Nervous System carries messages up to 250 miles per hour throughout the body. At its center is the human brain with 100 billion neurons, processing 100,000 bits of information every second of our life! Researchers have concluded that the human brain is more complex than an entire galaxy and the most sophisticated machine in the entire universe.

The 2 Human Kidneys each contain 1 million complex filtering plans called “Nephrons” enabling our kidneys to filter our blood 400 times per day.

The Human Eyes consist of over 2 million working parts and over 10 million nerve cells functioning together. Researchers have concluded that it would take powerful computers 100 years to compute what is taking place within the human eyes every second!

These are just a few examples of the multitudes that can be seen. Everywhere we look in the human body we find undeniable design.

C. **The Human Cell** – Living things, including humans are made up of cells. It is estimated that a mature human body consists of around 100 trillion cells. When Darwin proposed the theory of evolution he could not see cells and thought that life at this level would be very simplistic. Today we know that human cells are extremely complex. They consist of billions of protein based microscopic machines working together. Dr. Linus Pauling, who was considered by many as the greatest chemist of the 20th Century, stated that “Just one living cell in the human body is more complex than New York City.” Wow, that’s complexity! The human cell certainly looks designed by a very wise, powerful creator!

D. **DNA** – Controlling the development and function of all living things is DNA. DNA is usable, coded information. It is like a computer software program only much more sophisticated than anything man has ever developed. The DNA within each of our body’s cells contains about 3 billion base pairs. Through this vast amount of usable, coded information our bodies form, communicate internally, function and repair broken parts throughout our lifetime. Usable, coded information always points to intelligence! It never

emerges from random explosions and random processes. DNA is maybe the greatest, clearest, confirming evidence that we are created by God!

The information in this lesson is just a very small amount of the information available to show the confirming evidence that God created all things, including us. You are encouraged to view sessions 3 & 4 of the “Faith & Reason Made Simple” video series to learn much more about the evidences that confirm that we are created. You can find the video series by going to localchurchapologetics.org or by contacting Rick McGough, the author of this Discipleship Book.

III – Why This Is Critically Important!

A. As stated at the beginning of this lesson, everything we are taught in the Bible about God, ourselves, the world around us, Jesus, salvation, and eternity hinges on these truths about creation!

B. What does Psalm 139:16 tell us that reveals our lives have purpose? **(God saw us and knew us before we were born. Each of us has a distinct purpose in life that was written down by God before we were born.)**

C. What does 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 tell us that indicates we live with purpose? **(God has prepared an eternal body for each of us and each of us will appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account for the things we do in this life.)**

D. Compare the purpose for our lives revealed to us in the Bible with the lack of purpose for life that is found within the atheistic, evolutionary view of life. Note the following quote from an internet article by Graham Lawton in the “New Scientist” magazine. He states in response to the question “What is the meaning of life?”, “The harsh answer is ‘it has none’. Your life may feel like a big deal to you, but it is actually a random blip of matter and energy in an uncaring and impersonal universe.”

Graham Lawton (2016), “What is the meaning of life?” New Scientist, 231 [3089] : 33, September 3

Use the space provided below to note things you have learned in this lesson or beyond this lesson that confirm the Bible’s account that “God created the heavens and the earth” and “God created man in His own image and likeness”. You may also want to note reasons you see as to why this is critically important.

(Note – As mentioned in Part 1 – Lesson 5, it is important to study Christian apologetics in order to be ready to answer those who ask you for reasons as to why you believe the things that you believe (1 Peter 3:15). The book and video series “Faith & Reason Made Simple” are resources designed to help you grow in this area of your Christian life. If you are interested you may obtain more information about these materials under the store tab at localchurchapologetics.org)

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