

ORIGIN OF ALL THINGS

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“He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding”. (Jeremiah 51: 15).

To millions of people, life seems meaningless and absurd. Science, technology, even philosophy and theology have pictured man as a mere creature of chance, as a fish out of water, that lost its gills and grew legs and began to walk upright or as an Ape, with its ape like mannerisms. Although I have seen some people that act like apes or monkeys, I don't believe that is the case. Yet, consciously or not, mankind finds it difficult to accept a purposeless existence, Experimentation with drugs, alcohol, protests and rebellion, violence...these are, in many cases, the irrational expressions of men, women and children struggling with their appalling emptiness. In the back recesses of Neal, Origin of all things 2 their mind they feel the separation from their maker. They realize there is something missing in their life and this leaves a void within, that needs to be filled with something, but they can't seem to find it. Sin separates us from God. They are like orphans, crying out from their loneliness and despair, wanting attention. “Who am I? Who were my parents? Where did I come from? Does no one love me?”

In seeking for the real answers many turn to Science and astrologist, physics, and Horoscope, even evolution for answers. Their knowledge of science was incomplete, however, and their theories left many questions unanswered. Most prominent scientists of the day remained convinced that the variety of life on earth could only result from an act of divine creation.

Many look to the stars, as if to ask, is there anyone out there who knows me? Who cares for me? Who loves me? But the Science and the stars have no answers. Science is set up to ask questions, not answer them. They cannot tell you, why man exists, or why there is a universe at all. Was man created or did he evolve from some organism in the water, and crawl upon land and became a living person. What is truth?

We all, at some point, wonder about our origin, that is why the first book of the Bible is a book of beginnings. There is no other history so old. There is nothing in the most ancient book which exists that contradicts it. God wants us to know from where we came.

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Genesis is a name taken from the Greek, and signifies, “the book of production;” it is properly so called, as containing an account of the origin of all things.

In Genesis 2: 7, 21-23, the particular account of the creation of man. The revealed facts are: (1) - Man was created not evolved. This is (a) - expressly declared, and the declaration is confirmed by Christ in St. Matthew 19: 14, Mark 10:6. (b) “an enormous gulf, a divergence practically infinite” (Huxley) between the lowest man and the highest beast, confirms it; (c)- the highest beast has no trace of God-consciousness...the religious nature; (d)- Sciences and discovery have done nothing to bridge that “gulf.”

(2)- That man was made in the “image and likeness” of God. This image is found chiefly in man’s moral nature. Man is “Spirit and soul and body” (Thessalonians 5:23).

I, as an individual, believe there is someone who cares. Moses said, in the book of Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth”. Created means, brought into being out of nothing. But of course, if you don’t believe that, anything else would be a fairy tale.

The magnificent story of the Beginning reveals God’s creativity, yet the most humbling, puzzling, and awe-inspiring act took place when God breathed the breath of life into humanity.

With one decision, history began. Existence became measurable. Out of nothing came light. Out of light came day. Then came sky....and earth. And on this earth? A mighty hand went to work. Canyons were carved. Oceans were dug. Stars were flung. A universe sparkled. The hand behind it was mighty. He is mighty. And with his

Might, he created. As naturally as a bird sings and a fish swims, he created. In the beginning there was nothing. The word Void means empty, and destitute of the vegetation and living creatures which were afterwards brought forth. How long the earth remained so, God has not revealed, and we do not know. Sciences today have something to work with. Even an organism in the water has to have a beginning. Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth” (Genesis 1: 26-27). So God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Yes, there is someone out there who loves us, our creator, and the one who breathed life into us. Probe deep within him. Explore every corner. Search every angle. Love is all you find. Go to the beginning of every decision he has made and you'll find it. Go to the end of every story he has told and you'll see it. Love. Sin separates us from the love of God, that is why so many feel this void within themselves, the umbilical cord has been cut, and we are drifting around in this world without an anchor, not knowing where we came from nor where we are going, we are lost from our parent, the creator of life.

“I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have made it, Origin of all things 5 stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded” (Isaiah 45:12).

Today you will encounter God's creation. When you see the beauty around you, let each detail remind you that this did not just happen by chance. Evolution played no part in the things of this world.

“Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee” (Nehemiah 9: 6).

Sciences can't give you the answers, only God. No one has to be an orphan, and there is no reason to feel lonely or despair. No need to wonder, who I am. We are all God's children, separated from our parent by sin. But He cares and he loves us all very much. But we did not just happen by chance, like a fish out of water. No, we were created by the master of all creation.

“For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else” (Isaiah 45:18).